



I Kinda Came to Another World, but Where's the Way Home? [WN]

Arc 3

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Arc 3: Guides Are Necessary After All

Chapter 24: Interlude – Movement of the world.

–Here is, a different country than Miniera. With an enormous war happen here and there, even with the threat of magical beasts and demons, having many problems with the surrounding countries, it is a country which is referred as a military nation.

The name is “Grandile”, at this nation aside than the King as the leader, there are also priest, miko and also knight leader, they are the most prominent person at their own fields across this nation.

At this Grandile nation, currently there is a certain information which is racking this nation leader’s brains. As a nation which is excel at military affairs, that information become a very serious problem.

–the revival of the “Demon Lord”.

An existence called demon lord is, at this world it is an existence which is well-known around the world. Even compared to the dreadful disaster class (A rank) demons, it’s still further higher, it’s a world destruction class (S rank) demon. With a power which is even called to be able to bring this world to its end, with just a swing from that power he undoubtedly would be able to alter the terrain.

But, this “Demon Lord” was defeated by the historical summoned “Hero”. The threat called “Demon Lord” was already erased by the “Hero”, that was what people thought.

But the reality is different, the “Demon Lord” wasn’t completely killed. Just around sixty years after the defeat of the “Demon Lord”, a new “Demon Lord” appeared. According to the legend, the “Hero”, after finishing his duty to defeat the “Demon Lord” he returned to his former world. So there’s already no “Hero” who is able to defeat the “Demon Lord” anymore.

If that’s the case then what should they do? The answer is easy, they just need to summon a new “Hero”. And with that, at the dispute between humankind and demonkin, the battle between “Hero” and “Demon Lord” occurred, and every sides are always hoping that they would become the winner.

Currently humankind always become the winner, they were able to obtain peace, but that peace, wouldn’t be strange to be destroyed soon.

“But... there’s no other way than Hero summoning...!”

With a heavy atmosphere, people are sitting surrounding a long and big table, it is a place where Grandile nation performing an internal meeting to make a decision. The leaders who hold the right govern the nation, the king, priest, miko and the knight leader are discussing with a heavy expression.

After they heard the report about the revival of the “Demon Lord”, they are currently discussing about a way to measure the situation. However, they didn’t know whether is there any existence in this world who is able to stand against that strongest “Demon Lord” or not. And as expected, they concluded that there’s no other way but to summon a “Hero”.

“...you are right, priest shion, also miko Cecil... you should carry out the hero summoning ritual. Begin the preparation immediately.”

“The preparations are already arranged.”

“As long as we receive the order... we could carry it out anytime~”

“I’m sorry... Shion.”

“No, if it is for this country’s sake....”

With the order from the king, the priest who is called Shion, and the miko who is called Cecil, are answering in acknowledgement. And then, at this Grandile nation, “Hero Summoning Ritual” is decided to be performed. While putting on anyone who declaring their objection, they could only grind their teeth at their own weakness and could only rely on the “Hero”.



And thus they are summoning a hero.

At a sacred place with an altar which is located at the castle’s basement, the magicians who are employed by the country are pouring their magical energy toward the miko with a heavy expression, at the center of the altar where that enormous magical energy are gathered, there is a miko who is chanting a certain spell.

The priest is standing at her side, burning her life force and making a hole at space-time wall, forcefully open it up. Originally that role is supposed to be performed by a magician who has an aptitude with space-time magic, but currently there is no one who has that aptitude at Grandile nation. Therefore, the priest is acting at the substitute and compensating that aptitude with her “Life Force”.

That means, hero summoning is such a dangerous ritual and also need an enormous amount of magical energy.

“Guh... a, aaaaa!!”

“I am going... summon!!!”

With pain spreading at her whole body, moreover while feeling the sensation where her soul is forcibly coming out from her body, the priest is frantically connecting the space-time hole. That scream was, her last voices.

To not make that sacrificial for naught, the miko is connecting a “String” of summoning magic to the place where the new hero is belong at. And then, she finally able to find “Him” at the opposite side of the wall.

Lastly, she just need to pull it up—!!

“Aaaaaaa!!”

Mustering all her strength, the miko who is called as Cecil is pulling the string which is connecting her and the hero.

At the end of that string, hero is there. The one who would rescue this world, the hero.

And then, the space-time hole is collapsing. Simultaneously, another irregular arrives at this world.

At the altar, a torrent of divine light is spreading.

Inside it, they can see a figure of a man there.

“... what is, here...?”

That man's attires are completely different from the people's there. His attire is a blazer uniform, a clothes which is using a material that they have never see, everyone there are realizing that the hero summoning ritual is a success.

And then, Cecil moves toward the priest who is called as Shion, and suddenly hug that “Not breathing” body. This success, thanks to you we are able to successfully summon the hero, thank you. There, the expression of the deceased person is somehow, delightfully smiling.

And then, after hugging her for several seconds like that, Cecil entrusts Shion's corpse to the Knight leader.

She still has something she must do.

“Nice to meet you Hero-sama, I am the miko of Grandile nation... my name is Cecil Dimietta. Sincerely, please save us...!”

Guiding the hero, that is also miko's duty. Presenting her whole body to the hero, presenting her whole strength for the hero and for the world, that is her duty, miko's duty.

“Ah, umm... first of all, I’ll be glad if you could explain what happens here to me....”

First, to make the bewildered hero to understand the state of affairs here, she decided to explain their duty and also the state of affairs at this world.



On the other side, at the same time.

At the Dark Continent where demons reside in, the revived demon lord is sitting at the throne with an overwhelming intimidating aura in front of his retainers.

This world is divided into three big continents. A continent where humankind and demi-humankind reside in, then the Dark Continent where demons reside in which is hard for human to reside in, and then a place where natural fairies and divine beasts reside in, the third, new continent overseas which is unknown among humankind and demonkin. There are many different countries at the continent, but the race-wise it is divided to these three.

Here is one of those continent, the Dark Continent where demonkin reside in. A place that could be said as Demon Lord’s base, the Demon Lord is quietly and rightfully sit there with a powerful presence.

“Right now when the night is deepening, we would change this quiet world. Today, similarly like my revival here, a race called human must be also finally making a move after this long sixty years. And then, repeating the history, there should be a new hero who would come to kill me.”

“...yes.”

The one who answering the Demon Lord's word is, the strongest one even among his retainers, the one who guided the demonkin at that sixty years of disappearance of the Demon Lord, an existence who is capable to become a leader. Right now, the role he carries out is to support the Demon Lord as his right hand.

“However, in the end a past is nothing but a past. Right now, at this era, if I am able to defeat the hero, that way we would be able to overthrow the history. After defeating the hero, I'm going to grab the future beyond that.”

The Demon Lord is floating his fist to the sky, the hand which would able to grasp the world. That figure is, very charismatic that even fascinated every demons there, they are seeing a dream when that words come into reality.

Raising his fist, with just that, it's as if he is saying 'follow me' with his overwhelming presence. Every demons there are spontaneously kneeling at their knee.

“Right now, I am declaring it. At this era, I'm going to defeat the hero—I'm going to take the world! The one who want to abide me then follow me, the one who doesn't like it then bring it on! I'm going to show you how fascinating when I grab all of it with my overwhelming power!”

The Demon Lord declared that with a loud and sound voice. The enormous magical energy which are hidden inside his body are filling that place, spreading and shaking the ground.

Someone with a thought to oppose him, there's not even one of them.

“To the human who just sit and entrust everything to the hero, we should show them who we are!”

The Demon Lord said that, at his fist which is raised high overhead, he points his index finger to the sky. His eyes are looking at a faraway world. His magical energy is, doesn't has any intention to take a single step back even against the world.

—Let's go, let's overturn the world.

Someone who doubt that words, there's none of them there.



Thus, the long history is finally moving, the actors of the clash between the hero and the demon lord have presented.

That would become the beginning of the war between humankind and demonkin. A clash between military might and military might, the winner would be able to take everything as they pleased, the loser would lost everything. Like washing blood with a blood, the curtain of a cruel disastrous and harsh war is opened soon.

However, at this world there's another existence than those two (Demon Lord and Hero), a true irregular who is entirely irrelevant with that war.

Another existence aside than the Hero and the Demon Lord, the existence of a youth who would gain a power which is able to face against the world, there's still no one realizing him yet. The youth who is lazy and always floating a faint smile, whether he would pull something at that dispute, there's is still no one

know it yet.

That is even, the ringleader who threw that youth to this world— even the almighty God.

Chapter 25: Knight Leader

“Hero?”

“Yes, seems like recently magical beasts’ activities are become livelier. And the reason is seems like because of the revival of the demon lord... and so, Grandile nation’s higher-ups are summoning a hero.”

The next morning, when we ate our breakfast after I wake Lulu-chan who is using the choker and Finia-chan up, I thought that somehow people’s atmospheres are strange. It feels like they become more noisy.

After that we went to the guild, and then there the person who had a quarrel with me at my very first time came to the guild was coming to us. But he was stopped and flustered when Lulu-chan is suddenly takes a step forward and preparing to unleash her secret move “Golden Breaker”.

The man becomes very pale, but as expected to suddenly receive ball crusher out of the blue sure is painful right.

And then, since it isn’t like we’re being chased by time or anything so I decided to have a chat with him. After that we moved to a table which were provided by the guild, and the thing he tells me is about the hero.

“Ah... hero and demon lord... such a template.”

“Well, demon lord sure is a threat, but since the hero is already been

summoned so everything should be okay.”

“Hmm, by the way, I don’t uncle’s name though.”

“Rather than the hero, you’re more interested at my name huh... I am Grimm, F rank adventurer.”

To be honest, I have no interest to such stories like hero or demon lord. Well, that would be a different story if it may become a hint for my way to return to my former world though, but demon lord must be very strong right, since that is scary so I don’t want to encounter it. But if at my very worst luck I have to fight it then it can’t be helped though.

Nevertheless, this uncle’s name is Grimm huh, I didn’t know. But sine I can gather information like this then perhaps it won’t be bad for me to try conversing with other adventurers more.

“Kitsune-san! How about the request?”

“Hmm, let’s see. The one that doesn’t require us to go outside country please.”

“Yes! Let’s go to choose it, Lulu-chan!”

“Ah, yes!”

After that, in the end Finia-chan returned after she passed to F rank. Lulu-chan is still H rank, but I feel like we make a little progress by having Finia-chan

who is able to take a subjugation request as our comrade.

Moreover, perhaps thanks to putting the choker as family sign which deepened our bonds, seems like Lulu-chan and Finia-chan also have quite opened their heart to each other. Since calling her by Fairy-sama wasn't permitted by Finia-chan, so she decided to call her by Finia-sama.

“Are those kids your party members?”

“Yes, they're my families.”

“But the choker at her neck is slave... no, forget it.”

Grimm-san is looking dubiously when he saw the choker which is used by Lulu-chan, but perhaps since I've said that they're my families so he retract his words midway. As an elder, as expected he is able to read the conversation's mood. If he says anything further then perhaps he would receive Lulu-chan's ball crusher.

“Nevertheless, where does that Hero come from?”

“Hmm, seems like they come from some another world, perhaps? Since the previous heroes who had been summoned to this world were also carrying many new techniques and articles after all.”

“Eh?”

Other world? The heroes were summoned from another world?

“Wait, please tell me the detail about it.”

“Eh? Ah, hmm... if I remember it correctly, the first hero was summoned around 300 years ago, and seems like the first hero was a woman.”

“Then.”

“Then, to defeat the demon lord which appeared at that time, that female hero received the holy sword schwaltzreid, and she also became very strong in a blink of eye. And then, after defeating the demon lord, seems like she returned to her former world. Ah, if I remember it correctly, her name was... Kanna Takayagi, perhaps? And seems like she had a very beautiful face you know?”

Takayagi, Kanna... without a doubt it is a japanese name. 300 years ago then that means she was a person from Edo Period huh... at my former world, I had read numerous historical books about that period, but there was almost no transcription about a woman who participate at war... and yet for her to fought as a hero, that means she might got something like special blessing or the like right.

But the most important part is, about the hero who had “returned” after she defeated the demon lord. The other worlded hero was returned to her former world, so that means “there is” a way to return?

“Including that female hero, there were four heroes who had been summoned, but... seems like at that times each of those heroes were brought along various things, personally, I think the best of it is of course the ‘Skirt’! It’s raising woman’s charm drastically!”

Seems like Grimm-san is saying something, but for me the most important part is about the existence of a way to return. It might be limited to only for heroes, but as long as it may become a precedence then it might become a considerably good clue.

“Like that, the extended slender legs are so dazzling...! And the time when we can see her panty sure is the best!”

“You fool, if the panty could be seen then it was pointless! We might be able to see the panty when the skirt is swayed even by just a bit, the boundary between whether it could be seen or not, that is the most erotic part! We can see it... but we can't! But exactly because we can't see it, it would tempt our delusion! The spectacle inside the skirt, and by our delusion we would be able to establish the most ideal spectacle of it! If we can see the panty, then that would be pointless!”

“O, oh... sorry... my bad.”

Good grief, this person sure doesn't understand the art of a brief glimpse. Or rather, focusing only at the skirt is a big mistake. The art of a brief glimpse is, the important part are her blushing face when the person herself perhaps accidentally showing her panty, also her act to try hiding it again. To be in high spirit for just seeing a panty, are you a kid... wait, don't get me wrong. It isn't like I'm interested in panties or something. Since I'm a righteous youth after all.

“Then, do you know anything more about heroes?”

“Ah, hmmm.... Since demon lord's cycle of revival are repeated once each sixty years, so the hero also summoned accordingly. This time is the fifth time,

and like I've said, the hero have been summoned. A way to completely kill the demon lord is... seems like still unknown."

"Do you know the appearance of demon lord?"

"No, seems like there's no one who had saw its appearance aside from heroes and their parties. Or rather, the struggle for just to reach demon lord's place is only possible for A rank adventurers or above after all...."

I see, so that means there's a possibility the demon lord might doesn't have a humanoid appearance. To be able to revive, as expected whether it was done by preparing a new flesh, or by storing only its soul somewhere, such tricks were possible after all. Rather than a fragile human, having a strong magical beast's flesh is far more convenient after all.

But well, having a humanoid form which is composed by magical beast's flesh is also demon lord-like though.

"Then, the country where the hero was summoned...where is it?"

"I've said it though, it's Grandile kingdom. A military country which has numerous wars, it's also referred as a kingdom of survival of the fittest. It's a popular place for adventurers who want to polish their skills, well, the adventurers there are men of valor with at lowest are D rank adventurer, so if you take it poorly there then you'll sure receive a painful experience."

"Hmm, I'm quite interested by it."

Hero, most likely an other worlder. I don't know whether he came from a

same world with me, or perhaps from a different world, but it's a big clue which I get. With such purpose, I think it would be better for me to visit that Grandile kingdom at least once.

"Kitsune-san!"

"Yes, have you decided the request?"

"Oi Kitsune... don't tell me you're going to go there? To the kingdom of survival of the fittest..."

Seems like Grimm-san is unexpectedly worried about me. Such a kindhearted person, I don't hate it.

"Well then, but well... I think I want to meet that hero. Bye."

Saying that, I walk toward Finia-chan and Lulu-chan at guild request board.



Well then, today we also undertake some odd jobs requests, after we somewhat increase our level, we returned to the inn. Recently my level was hardly increased, even though my level is still at Lv. 10, but somehow I feel like

it become quite hard to increase. Personally I can't comprehend it from the bottom of my heart.

By the way Lulu-chan is still unable to participate at battle yet. She had been prepared to use the short sword, but as I thought she still seems hesitate to kill a living being.

"I'm sorry...."

"No no, you don't need to force yourself to suddenly do it. It's good as long as you keep going at it little by little."

"Yes...."

While patting the dejected Lulu-chan who dropped her shoulders, we entered to the inn. There's still time till dinner time, let's just quietly pass the time at our room for now. And I also should tell them about my intention to visit Grandile Kingdom after all. When we passed the entrance and walking toward the stair, I realized that the atmosphere inside the inn is somewhat strange. We naturally stopped our leg.

"—enough, you're a disgrace for family. It's hard for me to cast my own child away, but... I can't go along with you any further."

"No, no way...! Please wait! I..."

"One week."

“Eh?”

“One week, it’s your last chance. If by that time you’re still unable to cast your apprentice status away... you’re not my daughter anymore.”

Seems like Rishe-chan is quarrelling* with that dandy uncle. Not arguing**, but quarreling.

Since I didn’t hear the conversation, perhaps that uncle is Rishe-chan’s father. Considering the sword at his waist also a word about Rishe-chan’s status as a knight apprentice, as I thought that man perhaps is also a knight. Moreover, a remarkable one. Just by his appearance alone gives such dignity impression.

“...status.”

I quietly peek at that uncle’s status.

◇Status◇

Name : Vaiz Rumiela

Gender : Male Lv. 89

Strength : 6250

Stamina : 5400

Resistance : 250

Agility : 4560

Magical energy : 1200

Title :『Knight Leader』 『Demon Eye Holder』

Skill : 『Fencing Lv.7』 『Body Strengthening Lv.5』 『Swift』

『Overpowering』 『Magic Manipulation Lv.3』

『Demon eye of foresight Lv.5』

Innate skill :『Demon eye of foresight 』



Amazing. I didn't say about his level, but that statuses values sure are abnormal. I had met the man with level 47 who was wooing Mia-chan, but he can't even comparable to this uncle who has almost double of his statuses. Moreover to has『Knight Leader』tittle, ha must be very strong— perhaps, he might even comparable with an A rank adventurer.

“Say, Kitsune-san... what is that? A quarrel*?”

“If they're contenting*** then I hope they would let me join in.”

“But Rishe-chan looks like very desperate though.”

“You're right, but since that is a family affair... that isn't a place where we could step in.”

Lulu-chan strengthens her grasp at my hand.

“...can't step in, but.”

At a family affairs, outsiders shouldn't intervene. Yup, at my former world that was the common sense. Or rather, there was no one who was able to stop my mother like existence who would easily exert for violence.

But, here isn't my former world. Such common sense perhaps also exist at this world, but that isn't something I know about. Moreover...

—the pain for being casted away by their own parents, I know it.

“That sole one is, I won’t overlook it.”

One step, my stopped legs are advancing forward. At that footsteps, that cool uncle is looking at me. But immediately returned to Rishe-chan.

I can’t stomach it.

“Wha!?”

When I activate my 『Eerie constitution』, he turn his face to me. He is someone who has power equaling the monsters of A rank adventurers, he must be very strong. But, that red pupil at that night, was far more dreadful. Compared to that, he isn’t something scary at all.

“Nice to meet you, Rishe-chan’s esteemed father?”

While faintly smiling, I greet him. Accordingly, Rishe-chan’s father extends his hand to the sword at his waist, and gazing sharply at me in belligerence.

“...what’s up with you, do you want to meet Grim reaper?”

And said that with a serious tone.

Rishe-chan’s father. He is absurdly strong. He might be even able to face against a B rank magical beast.

When I think about it, 『Eerie constitution』which is able to overpower the opponent mentally regardless of how high their statuses value sure is a cheat.

Chapter 26: Nervous problem

Between me and uncle who are glaring at each other, a strained atmosphere is tingling and sparking. His prowess is overwhelmingly stronger than me, if we fight against each other, I know, everyone know that I'd just need two seconds to lose to him.

However, it's impossible for me to turn a blind eye at this uncle.

He is Rishe-chan's father, but he's intending to disinherit Rishe-chan. That isn't allowed, parents should lead, protect, and love their kid, there's no way they would cast their kids away. If he doesn't correct their kid's wrong doing, if he forces something their kids are unable to, that aren't parental love, but mistreatment.

I, fully know that. I know how painful the kid would suffer. Since I've experienced it myself after all.

"I don't know what you're talking about, but could you please stop bullying Rishe-chan? She is my benefactor after all."

"What?"

Vein popped up at uncle's face, and he glares at me. I've activated 『Eerie Constitution』, I'm sure that I should be overpowering him mentally, but whether at the time with the "Red Night", also this uncle, seems like strong people are as expected won't yield huh. They sure are troublesome opponent.

“This is my daughter, an outsider shouldn’t intervene at others’ family affairs.”

“There’s no family that would refer their child as this right? How could a parent treats his child like an object? That’s quite different than family which I know.”

“You bastard....”

“Moreover, it sure is laughable how you intend to draw your prided sword against someone weaker than you.”

“What? Are you insulting my sword art? That neck, I don’t mind to chop it here you know?”

“Don’t bluffing, you sure are look weak you know?”

“Wha...!?”

He’s indeed seems like he has a great ability at sword art, but inside he is just a gerontocratic person. He is the type of person who would corrupt the young generation. Moreover, he seems like has a great pride. Being provoked by a youngster like me, seems like he remembers how is irritated feels. He seems like an embodiment of a typical self-important person. So this is the knight leader huh, the future if this country sure is gloomy.

“To begin with, Rishe-chan has been an apprentice knight for almost two

years already, so there's no way at this late of time she would be able to become a knight within a week right."

"Right."

"..."

At my word, Rishe-chan stiffened with sorrowful looking face.

However, what I want to see is the fact that uncle doesn't even objecting my word. Doesn't objecting, so that means he is also aware of it.

"Even when you aware of it... you still give her that condition?"

"..."

"What a terrible parent, to thrust a cruel reality to their own child. How deplorable, why does a parent must hit his child with a whip? That one week extension time, that feels just like a sentence suspension you know."

Uncle doesn't say anything. To be frank, up until now as long as they want to think about it, they would be able to understand it. But, from here on there would be a great difference between a capable and an incompetent person. To be honest, against this uncle, he isn't seems like opponent who would yield just by talking. As a knight leader, moreover an A rank monster, even though authority-wise he is a troublesome opponent already, moreover combined by his prowess, there should be rarely anyone who has the guts to talk against to such person at this world. Even normally he isn't someone I could talk to.

But, I'm not a person from this world, I don't know about authority, at least the monster right before me is... none other than an old man.

"That's why, we don't need that one week time limit."

"What...?"

"Kitsune! You...!"

To give her that one week limit, that is none other than a finishing blow. No matter how much time she got that would be just a waste. Especially, for a person like Rishe-chan.

Moreover, there are many ways for Rishe-chan to become a knight. With my ability, at least I'll be able to think one or two way.

"One day is enough."

"...what?"

"Tomorrow evening, please come here again esteemed uncle. Together with Rishe-chan, let's have a very fun tea time."

While showing an attitude as if drinking a black tea, I faintly smiling. The 『Eerie Constitution』is, the stronger my mind compared to my opponent, the stronger the effect would become.

No matter how powerful he is, no matter how great his sword art is, nothing that matter. Equally, everyone are lower than me.

“...just one day, that means are you going to train Trisha to a level where she would be able to become a knight?”

“You’re wrong, when she woke up from her overnight sleep... Rishe-chan would just arbitrarily become stronger.”

“Impossible... okay, if that’s the case then I would just wait for one day. And then if you’re unable to make Trisha into a knight....”

The continuation, I already know without he needs to say it.

“Yup, I know, if that happens then I’ll take Rishe-chan.”

Successfully see uncle’s dumbfounded expression, I say that amusedly.



“What were you doing!? You, why did you...!”

“Calm down Rishe-chan.”

After that, uncle seemed like a bit doubtful to me, but when I said ‘if you’re intending to throw her away then there would be no problem if I pick her up right?’, he didn’t say anything and just go back like that. Tomorrow evening, he would come here to test Rishe-chan right?

A way to make Rishe-chan stronger. That is, to overcome her fear.

“...what are you intending to do to make me stronger?”

“In the first place, the reason why you can’t display your true ability is... because you’re too scared when fighting.”

If it’s about fear, then it’s my speciality.

I have 『Eerie Constitution』 and 『Overpower』, two skills which designed to overpower the opponent. But, these two has a greatly different nature.

『Eerie Constitution』 isn’t overpowering the opponent by using pressure. It’s a skill which alter the impression about me inside their mind into something fearful. That effect is, giving me superiority mentally than my opponent, any living opponent would see me as a malice, or perhaps become more conceited as if seeing a weakling. Well, the most important part is my mental state though.

『Overpower』 is the opposite, it overpowers the opponent by using pressure, a genuine overpower skill. But, because of hoe weak I’m, if I don’t combine it with 『Eerie Constitution』 I won’t be able to pull its full effect out.

Now I'm going to use both of it. When Rishe-chan is going to sleep, I'm going to keep intimidating her by using these skills. As long as both of these skills are activated, especially 『Eerie Constitution』, it was impossible to sleep at the same space as me. That is, the stronger the existence the stronger the effect would be. Before the most fearful existence, to show her greatest weakness by sleeping, her instinct would be stronger than Rishe-chan herself.

But, if Rishe-chan is able to sleep even by just several seconds under that condition... that means she's able to control her scared body. So, it would also lead to her ability to control her stiffened body at the time she is scared when fighting.

“Rishe-chan, you just need to sleep at this room.”

“...with just that, I'll become stronger? Really...?”

“If you're able to. The rest is whether Rishe-chan would be able to sleep or not, just that. If you want to be recognized by that esteemed uncle, then you should try your best to be able to sleep.”

“Do your best, Rishe-chan! I even would gladly sing you a lullaby!”

“Do, do your best... please.”

Finia-chan and Lulu-chan seem like don't have any intention to stop what I'm going to do. Is it because they believe in me, or perhaps because we're family, I don't know.

Nevertheless, whether Rishe-chan would be able to do it or not, either way it would be a good thing for me. If she's able to do it then she would be able to become a knight, and that would also means that I'm able to repay her favor, and if she's unable to do it then that's also good since I'll be able to get Rishe-chan as my comrade.

"Yes... I got it, then I'll be in your care."

If it comes the latter then I'll have many chance to repay her favor since we're going to be together, I even would be able to ask her to guide me to the Grandile Nation. If possible, I hope Rishe-chan would fail, but... let's exert my utmost ability here.

"Then... please sleep."

Lie down at the bed, Rishe-chan reluctantly closes her eyes. She must be have experienced so much hardship already, from here on it is depending on yourself.

I sit at the chair, and activate both of these skills toward her.

"!?"

Vigorously woke up, Rishe-chan takes and draw her sword. That expression, is an expression as if scared of something, even her hand which draw the sword is shivering. Seems like this strategy is working properly. It's indeed seems like an extreme method, but this skill which is able to overpower anyone regardless of their statuses' values... if they're strong then they would be able to overcome it... will she able to reach that?

“Do your best to sleep, Rishe-chan.”

I said that, while faintly smiling.



The next morning, around the time when the sky is gradually brightening. Rishe-chan is still unable to sleep. I'm fine since I'm a nocturnal type, but since Finia-chan and Lulu-chan are seemed sleepy so I let them slept at my room.

There won't be any problem if I let her sleep till evening, but you can see shadow at her eyes already, when she shut her eyes it seems like her drowsiness would take her to dreamland anytime.

Be that as it may, as expected perhaps she was unable to sleep under terror since she would immediately wake up whenever I activate my skill.

Her level is considerably high, even her statuses' values aren't inferior to the average knight, but why does she is scared to fight, I can't understand that.

Perhaps she's just nervous, but to be unable to move her body even by just a bit because of nervous is also strange. Perhaps should I ask her about it?

“Uh...”

“Say Rishe-chan.”

“Wh, what’s up....”

“Why do you want to become a knight? Or rather, why are you trying to live up to esteemed uncle’s expectation?”

When I said that, she averts her eyes with an embarrassed expression.

To begin with, I had heard that she kept continuing to become a knight apprentice for almost two years because she wanted to become a knight. Right, two years already. Perhaps her peers were already become knight a long time ago, and for people who understood that they didn’t have talent there they would give up on it after a year. But even so, does Rishe-chan want to become a knight that badly?

“...my....”

And then, Rishe-chan embarrassedly begin to speak bit by bit, about her.

“My father is... the knight leader of this country. And then, my family lineage are always inherit 『Demon Eye of Foresight』 for generation.”

“Demon eye of, foresight.”

『Demon Eye of Foresight』 which is stated at Rishe-chan and uncle's statuses. If my presumption is right, I thought that both of their eyes are supposed to be endowed with an ability to see the future.

But, I never saw Rishe-chan used it though....

“My family lineage were always become a knight from the olden generation.... Starting with my father, grandfather and also ancestors, seems like their prowess were even go down in this country's history.

Also, 『Demon Eye of Foresight』 isn't limited to our family lineage... but, its ability is tremendous, each of my ancestors were strong enough to be invincible at one on one fight, and I also heard that they were a prideful knight.”

“Hmmm.”

“Of course, I also have that eye... but, I can't use it. I have been told many times already, that my aptitude with my demon eye is low... and I also haven't see any trace that I would be able to use it near future... and then when father and the other heard about it, he harshly scold me. The disgrace of the family, just how many times I've heard it....”

Demon eye. Even if one possess it, that won't mean one would be able to use it for sure. Even if they possessed it since they were born, that wasn't necessarily mean that it would grant its power to its holder, huh.

“But, my parent have abandoned me. If I can't use this demon eye, then I just need to become a knight with my own power, or so I thought. Since at the past, there was a great ancestor who didn't possess demon eye but was able to

accomplish it after all.”

“I see.”

“But, after one year, two years passed... I’m still nothing than a knight apprentice... even my instructor said that I don’t have any talent, and I haven’t growth at all. Whether because I’m a daughter of the knight leader, there were a great expectation from my surrounding, but right now they are badmouthing and do some devious act at me ... and as expected even my father would give up to care about me who is unable to become a knight right.”

That’s way, it come to the current state of affairs huh. Perhaps the bandage and scars around her body are because of that devious act right. Even her father, for now he haven’t abandoned her. But there won’t be any second chance.

To be honest, the aptitude with demon eye were decided when they were born, so it can’t be helped. But, that won’t become the reason why Rishe-chan was unable to move her body when fighting.

What was binding her movement? Fear, nervous, even with that, she’s still able to raise her level properly. It doesn’t seems impossible for her to defeat a magical beast. Then, what’s the difference?

“Rishe-chan, when you’re able to defeat magical beasts and when you were together with us some times ago, is there anything different?”

There must be is, then this difference.

“...let’s see... whether Kitsune and Finia were there, or not... perhaps? Since my weapon and physical were same after all. My enemy’s power were also not much different.”

So that means if she was alone she would be able to defeat that magical beast, huh? Does that means she’s nervous when there was someone around her? But Rishe-chan isn’t a shy person, if she’s nervous when there’s someone around her then even other than when fighting time she should be also a timid girl who is unable to fluently speaking with other people... but to be only happen at fighting.

And then, I suddenly remember. About what Rishe-chan just said, at the past her ancestors were boasted with prowess which were invincible at one on one fight.

“Rishe-chan, could it be—“

I try to tell her about the idea I just thought about. And then, after Rishe-chan thought about it a bit, she nods her head. And then I’m certain of it. The reason why Rishe-chan was unable to move her body when fighting.

“Then, let’s go with that.”

Canceling my skill, I float a faint smile. I let Rishe-chan to sleep and recover her strength.

Well then, should I stroll somewhere till evening.

Chapter 27: Kitsune's efforts

Well then, the time has elapsed, and it's almost evening soon. After asking Finia-chan and Lulu-chan to wake the sleeping Rishe-chan up, I'm currently waiting for uncle's arrival at inn's dining hall.

While Rishe-chan was sleeping, I spent my time by going to the guild, eating at the neighboring stalls, bowing my head to various person, and took a nap. Yup, I was really doing my best there! A youth who would do that many acts secretly just for a single girl, as expected without a doubt he sure would be popular, right, or so I thought.

I asked Ayla-san and the other to make my dinner meal a bit earlier than usual, and right now the usually crowded dining hall is amusingly quiet right now. Ayla-san and the other also aren't here. Without a doubt, this first floor is reserved only for me.

"Kitsune-san! I've wake Rishe-chan up!"

"...Kitsune, is it really gonna be okay? I was just sleeping, though...."

"Who know? Perhaps it would work somehow or another, that is what I believe."

"Isn't that mean it's hopeless!!"

Rishe-chan drops her sword to the floor, and starts looking at a faraway place

with a grim expression. Well, uncle is also hasn't arrived here yet, it indeed feels as if there won't be any tomorrow if we just left this desperate situation as it is, and it may lead us into a great pinch. Or probably not.

Lulu-chan and Finia-chan are also just watching over and let everything to the flow of development, and start eating their dinners which have been prepared in advance by Ayla-san's husband.

And then.

"Sorry for the wait, I come as promised."

"Hello esteemed uncle, as you can see we've reserved this place. How about having a cup of tea first?"

Uncle finally come. Carrying a splendid sword at his waist, and with a similar dignified appearance as yesterday. As expected no matter how many times you look at them, a strong person's bearing sure is something. How scary.

"I don't need it, my business here is only one. Let's finish it quickly."

"How impatient... well, fine then."

Perhaps Rishe-chan also has overcome her emotion at uncle's arrival, she stand up after took a deep breath. Since she has slept plentifully, I can't see any abnormality or bad feeling at her expression. Then I also slowly stand up, and stand facing uncle.

“Firstly, how about we reconfirm the situation?”

“...”

“According to Rische-chan, seems like esteemed uncle is serving as knight leader, right. Also, everyone at your family lineage were always became a strong knight from olden generations, even many of them become a great knight who were recorded at this country’s histories... am I right?”

“...yes, if you’ve heard that much then you must also already know about 『Demon eye of foresight』, right?”

“Demon eye... then, according to what I heard from Rische-chan, she who was also born at that lineage, still unable to become a knight even after practicing for almost two years. She was even labeled as someone with no talent. That’s why, as a knight leader you can’t keep Rische-chan at your family lineage... am I right?”

I must confirm it first. If I remember it correctly, I only had heard about it from Rische-chan. So if I could hear it from uncle then perhaps it may be wrong, perhaps there was another reason, perhaps it was an unavoidable circumstance. That is, I must confirm it.

“...yes, you’re right... to be frank, personally I also think that Trisha has no talent. Even when she practiced to fight against a magical beast, even when she had a mock battle with her instructor, she would always shows a miserable movement as if a total amateur... even though those weren’t a life stacking battle.”

“...”

“At first I thought she was scared to fight, since even though she was a knight apprentice, she was a girl after all... but, by watching her endeavor at the next trainings I understood that that wasn’t the case. Then, perhaps she was nervous, but by continuing practicing for two years she should be got used to it ... but that also wasn’t the case. That means it’s fundamentally because of Trisha herself, she has no talent to become a knight!”

She has no talent, that is an inevitable matter. Human, aren’t necessarily would always have the suitable talent at the things they want to do. That’s why, human always preserve their best to discover and choose their talent.

But, sometimes there were a times when you would be criticized because you don’t have a certain talent. And that exactly what’s currently happening to Rishe-chan. Realistically Rishe-chan hasn’t done anything bad, she just wanted to live up to his expectation. Even since she was born, this development has bound to happen.

“We’re one of the great knight family lineage. That’s why, Trisha must also wield her sword as a knight.”

“I see.”

Perhaps he thinks that Rishe-chan doesn’t want to become a knight, I want to object at that matter which he arbitrarily decided by himself, but if we show him that she’s really wants to become a knight then would he gives her a tolerance?

“But, Trisha is unable to accomplish it. That’s why she is family’s disgrace, someone who’s unable to become a knight, I don’t need them at my family.”

“Thank you for explaining it detailedly. That’s enough.”

“Hmm, then? What has changed from Trisha overnight? Does she acquired an ability that would lead her to become a knight?”

“That is, well, perhaps you should ascertain it yourself... a mock battle isn’t something new for a knight, right, so let’s have an one on one mock battle, Rishe-chan against esteemed uncle.”

What? then uncle sharpen his eyes. Rishe-chan is also seems surprised behind me. If we want to measure her prowess, then isn’t it would be easier to just do a match. Isn’t that knight’s way of doings? Isn’t that great knight official’s way of doing, right?

“Without any complain, let’s do it. Or perhaps do you get a cold feet here?”

When I say so, uncle’s eyebrows are wrinkling up and then he draws his sword. There are no unrest at his movement, as expected as a knight leader his experience must be abundant, right.

On the contrary, Rishe-chan is looking at me flustered with a pale expression. Still dropping her sword, she’s standing still there. Well, that is an obvious reaction if you suddenly receive such suggestion.

“Rishe-chan.”

“...Ki, Kitsune! I’m a knight apprentice, you know! There’s no way I’ll be able to win against my father!”

“You don’t need to win, it’s good as long as he would recognize you that you have a suitable ability as a knight.”

“But!”

“Listen to me properly, Rishe-chan.”

This is, a gamble. If my expectation is right, if my conjecture is right, this should be work somehow or another. It’s indeed a gamble with a high risk, but in the first place she was placed with a condition with almost no possibility to success, that’s why as long as there’s a possibility then it’s best to just gamble on it.

As long as we still have a chance even by just one percent, I won’t give up!

Or so I say. Didn’t I also have said it before?

“__”

“Wha, but... got it, let’s give it a try.”

Seems like Rishe-chan is also agree with it.

“But, well, there’s no way we would do it here, right.”

“”Ah.””

Inn’s dining hall, doing a mock battle here sure would be a great trouble right.



My name is Trisha Rumiela. A seventeen years old girl who is every day practicing as a knight apprentice.

Right now, I come to a place which the person who I’d helped a week ago, Kitsune, said. An underground arena at the adventurer guild, seems like this is the place where adventurers similarly like Kitsune-san do a mock battle. The one here are I... and my father, only both of us.

I’d been practicing as a knight apprentice for almost two years already. I’d been doing my best every day. But, I’m still unable to become a knight. I even was told and mocked as someone with no talent, and as someone who was born at a knight family lineage, I also betrayed their expectation when I was born.

That’s why, I’m going to be abandoned by my father.

To be honest, my father's word when he was talking with Kitsune just now, it was piercing through my heart. That was the feeling as if a very deep bond was severed. I've been called as family's disgrace, defective product, failed product, ordinary person, and so on before. But, the clearest one is.

—unnecessary.

Unnecessary, this is the first time I've been told such directly. I'm aware of it, but it make me realize it again— that I'm 『not』 necessary for the family.

That's why, this is my last chance. My father give me this last chance because I'm his child. Naturally, my hands which hold the sword is brimming with energy.

“Trisha.”

“...Yes, honorable father.”

“This is, your last chance. Here, right now— your ability as a knight, show it to me.”

When my father say that, he draws his sword. No matter how many times I see it, that is a beautiful movement. Admiring that, I thought that I wanted to become a knight. My father's back was a distant and huge one, but even so I was always running while staring at that big back.

I must do it here, I will do it here.

“...yes.”

I also, draw my sword.

“...”

The intimidating aura from my father is very strong. At the time we draw our respective swords, and pointing it to our enemies.... The emotion that we're a family, bonds as a friends, and my admiration feeling, everything are gone.

Those here are, a similarly knights, those who're prideful at their own prowess!

“I won't use my demon eye... show you(..)r true ability, and come at me!”

My father doesn't call me as Trisha, but 『you』. Is that mean he recognized me as a knight opponent?

Knight etiquette, we should start it by announcing our name first—!

“Trisha Rumiela— I'm coming!”

“Vaiz Rumiela— come at me!”

Seems like the atmosphere here is strained. Mental strain, and probing each other. My hands are shaking a bit, my feet could only stepping ahead just by a little bit.

I can't see any opening... knight leader, as the one who wield that title, his appearance is could only described as terrific. I can't attack him....!

“What's up? You won't attack?”

“!!”

At my father's words, the flustered me is unconsciously running. What a blunder, I think that stopping here is a foolish option so I increase my speed further.

Activating 『Body Reinforcement Lv.2』 and 『Swift』 skills, I shorten my distance with my father till just one step short before him— just a single step, accelerate!

“Haaa!!”

“Too slow.”

My sword which I swing downward from my overhead is parried by my father's sword which he placed it diagonally. My stance is crumbled, there are so many opening. And then, my father's sword is mercilessly rushing sideway toward me.

“Ku...waaa!!”

“What...?”

The sword which I swing downward is stabbed at the ground, and my body is lying on the ground. The sword which swung sideways is passing barely right in front of my face. Looking the somewhat surprised father, I take some gap by rolling in the ground. Whether it was because I was a low ranker, my father isn't come at me. Well, because of that I'm able to reorganize my stance, though.

"...I see, I don't know the reason but you indeed become able to move... what kind of magic did he use?"

"Who know... I was, only sleeping overnight. Or more precisely, trying to sleep."

"Hmm...that man, whether it his attitude or his speech and conducts are very transcendental... what a mysterious man."

"You're right, I also... think so!"

Now it isn't because I'm flustered, I step my feet forward. Reactivate my skill from earlier, and similarly accelerating. My father is predicting my movement, he seems like somewhat perturbed, but when my father's eyes are activating its demon eye, he could easily grasp my movement.

Then!"

"I can see it!"

"—ha!"

My father's sword is swung upward, drawing a semicircle traces. But, I evade it by slanting my body forward. And then, with that I'm able to pass through my father side, and then I immediately turn my body around. I get his back!

"An ope—ning!!"

"Not bad."

"Wha!?"

When I turn my body around, I swung my sword cylindrically similar like my movement. But, my father is suddenly has already looking my way. His switchover is too fast!

"Gah!?"

The raised overhead sword is swung to his backward using his flexibly and trained shoulder, its pommel is precisely knocking my elbow. My hand is warped, my power to swing my swing sword is gone.

It's bad, even when I lost my strength to swing my sword, my body is turned around, I can't escape from him—!

"It's the end."

Vigorously rotating I show my back similarly like my father just did, and my father isn't someone who would let that opening away. Quietly, the cold sword

is trusted right beside my neck from my back. My lose, a complete lose.

“...I, surrender.”

“Hmm.”

When I declare my lost, my father is pulling his sword back at put it at its scabbard. Even that movement is very beautiful, realized me just how great the person who I admired is. I’m indeed feeling frustrated, but as I thought, I think I’m very proud for having such a strong father.



“Kitsune-san, what would happen to Rishe-chan?”

“Most certainly she would lose, right, whether it level wise or ability wise, their statuses values are too distant apart after all.”

“Eh? Then what should we do?”

After Rishe-chan and his father left, we returned and relaxing in our room. I was also just humming while lying around at my bed after all. Hahaha, we didn’t need to do anything.

And then, Finia-chan came asking me while folding her hands, and so I told her the most natural and probable conclusion.

“Well, even if she lose as long as she is able to show him her true ability then it’s all good after all, with that condition... there’s a possibility that he would give her a passing mark.”

“What do you mean?”

“I’m curious, too.”

At Finia-chan’s inquiring, seems like Lulu-chan is also curious about it since she is also drawing near me. It can’t be helped, since at that time these children were sleeping, after all. Then let’s tell them, about what I discussed with Rishe-chan at that time.

“Listen, Rishe-chan is....”



“Rishe-chan, could it be your knight practices were focused on a certain pattern?”

“Eh, hmm, well... let’s see. Knights are existed at every kingdom, but roughly it was divided into three form.”

When I ask her about it, seems like there are three technique of how knight use their sword.

First is, an offensive sword technique which is utilizing sword and their own body— martial sword style.

Second is, defensive sword techniques which is combining sword and magic— shining water style.

Third is, counterattack sword techniques which is parrying every attack with their sword, and aiming for an instant opening— flowing mirror style.

From that three styles, every knights are practicing the most suitable sword style for them. And seems like the fast one would be able to be promoted into a knight at around half year. At first they were practicing these three styles, and by gradually combining his specialty style with the other styles, seems like they would be able to make their own original sword style.

Seems like Rishe-chan is using the martial sword style, and seems like she was always practicing it from the very beginning.

“Why did you choose martial sword style?”

“Because the majority of my lineage from olden generations were using it,

even my father is also so, and so I thought that I should use it, too. Not just I was unable to use my demon eye, I also wasn't too skilled at countering, I can't use magic since my magical energy is too scarce, you could say that it was inevitable."

"Hmm...."

Then what should I do, isn't martial sword style is a techniques which is only utilizing sword and body? As a woman, even if Rishe-chan keep training I think her distance with her surroundings would keep widening, though. Even if her statuses are raised, that isn't necessarily means that she would become a talented one.

Personally, from these three style I would prefer 『Flowing mirror style』 one. If you mastered it, even without demon eye, you would be able to more or less predict your opponent's movement, after all.

"By the way, Rishe-chan, is it easier for you if you to fight by yourself?"

"Eh? Well... indeed, compared with at the times I was together with someone... that is right, perhaps?"

"As I thought, huh."

After I heard that, more or less now I understand it.

Rishe-chan is also has a somewhat shy part of her at human relations, and that part is mostly appeared when she wield a sword. There are two important parts here.

First is, her self-consciousness which make her always does her best to become a knight which is her dream.

And the second one is, the existence of 『pattern』 and 『form』 of sword style at her knight practice.

Without a doubt these two are the biggest reason which restrict Rishe-chan's movements.

Like what she just said she also has a little shy (coward) part. That means it was her disposition which is too conscious at someone's gazes.

At fighting time, when there were someone around her— or more accurately when there was someone's gazes, she was too conscious about that gazes which made her unable to moves. That was one of the reason why she was unable to show her true ability, and the other one.

The existence of 『patter』 of sword style. Rishe-chan has no talent, therefore she couldn't put it into practice. Perhaps she was always training those basic techniques at these two years, right.

That was no good.

The existence of 『form』 means you should do it according to the decided pattern. Rishe-chan was considerably conscious about it. At that badmouth and malicious deeds, perhaps she was being told “That's not it”, “You're wrong”, “You're mistaken”, and so on numerous times already. That's why, Rishe-chan was unconsciously trying to do it according to the decided pattern as accurate

as possible.

And by combining both of it, she was conscious about someone's gaze and become unable to freely moves, she can't perform her sword art because of her past trauma which is always being told that her 『form』 was wrong again and again.

That's why, when she was alone she was able to freely move because she didn't need to worry about her someone's gaze trauma. That was also the reason why she was able to fight against a magical beast. But it seems like she doesn't aware about it herself, though.

“Okay, Rishe-chan. Change of strategy.”

“Eh?”

“The objective is to somehow make Rishe-chan is able to freely move at your upcoming trial, the rest is you just need to do your best at that trial.”

“Umm, that trial is....”

“I won't say it, yet. Anyway, for now you just need to lie your body down and rest. So that when you wake up, you won't be unable to move because lack of sleep.”

Rishe-chan seems like a bit dissatisfied, but she reluctantly lying down at the bed as per I said.

“...I got it, I’ll leave it to you.”

“Then, let’s do it.”

Canceling my skills, I float a faint smile.



“—that’s why, Rishe-chan should be able to fight on one-on-one battle if there’s no one at her surroundings.”

“Ooh~, but since her opponent is her father, isn’t that would be pointless?”

What Finia-chan said is indeed right. Even if it is one-on-one battle, her opponent isn’t a magical beast but a knight leader. An existence which is at the peak of sword art, I also thought that fighting against such an existence is impossible.

“That is, well, it is depending on Rishe-chan herself, right?”

“After planning that much, you just neglect her at the most important part, right! As expected from Kitsune-san’s oversight cutting corners style!”

“Well, at least I gave her a little advices, but... a word from someone with a scarce combat experience like me sure is light right.”

At that time, when I concluded what uncle had said, the words I said to Rishe-chan is...

“When you fight him, just think that your opponent isn’t a knight leader, but just an ordinary father.”

Rishe-chan was somehow nodding, but whether in the end she would be able to move or not was depending on Rishe-chan herself.

“Fua... I’m sleepy, since today I’ve did so many things... I’m tired.”

“Yep, you asked everyone at the guild and Ayla-san and the other, also townsfolk to go home earlier than usual, right! 『So that Rishe-chan doesn’t feel any gazes』 ever since she wake up till her trial, right!”

Good grief, you even could say I’ve worked for free here.

But, I’ve been working this hard for a single girl— will I become a bit more popular?

While thinking so, my conscious is abducted by drowsiness.

Chapter 28: Her First Step

The silence is continued. Sheathing our swords, our gazes are overlapping.

Under the night sky which covered by the dark cloud, inside a dark place without anyone other than us, I and my father are standing facing each other.

The battle is over.

The rest is, whether my father deem my power is suitable as a 'Knight' or not. I'm just, waiting for my father, to open his mouth about it.

But, my father is gazing sharply, similarly like when he was fighting, at me. His mouth which closed and make a solid line, showing no sign of opening.

"..."

I don't avert my eyes. If I avert my eyes here, I think that I won't be able to become a knight. If I'm hesitated here, I won't worth to fight as a knight.

"—...this is..."

Suddenly, my father says a word. And then, simultaneously my father's eyes are glittering with green jade light. That is the proof that "Demon eye of foresight" is appeared to the surface. I'm also able to make it appears at my eyes, but I can't activate its effect.

The scenery, which I wanted to see by all means... is existed at my father's field of vision. Just a bit, I'm envious at him.

"This demon eye is, an ability which is inherited at our family lineage. We're always together with this demon eye, we become stronger together with it."

"...yes."

"However, there were a rare case. Someone who was unable to use this demon eye similarly like you.... When I realized that she is my own daughter, I was greatly disappointed. But, not just that... I felt that I could see this knight lineage was coming to its end. That was... the worst possible future for me."

My father is, simultaneously when he says his disappointment about me, does he feel hard to sever our blood relation. About the fact that I can't use the demon eye, about the fact that I don't have any talent to become a knight, my father is tormented by both of it.

"However... it seems like I was wrong. You, have a proper ability to fight... right now, I think that as a father that is a very rejoicing thing."

"...honorable father."

"However, the outcome is still the outcome. From what I could see, as I thought you can't become a knight."

"!?"

My father is, said that. I can't become a knight.

I open my eyes wide in shock, looking at my father as if asking why?. And then, my father canceling his demon eye, and seems difficult to say it... and then ha starts talking as if it is something he doesn't want to say.

“From what I could see, your sword technique is 『Sword art style』... however, the technique you just used, aside from your body movement and attacking style is... rather than 『Sword art style』it was closer to 『Flowing mirror style』. Moreover, seems like you weren't aware of it, but that was a variation style which different from these three style. That was already, greatly strayed from any sword style category which used by any knight with high status.”

“Wha...!”

“You're, have the ability to fight. But, it『won't grow』if you keep becoming a knight.”

Then, then what should I do. I, even though from the moment I was born, I was always chasing the back of a great knight! Is it all going to crumbled just because of a single deviation!

Is that means, I won't be able... to become a knight...?

“That's why, Trisha, you should become an『adventurer』.”

I feel like, My father words are, reverberating inside my mind.

“Eh...?”

“Your sword style would grow if you become an adventurer... that’s why, you should become a strong adventurer.”

“B, but! I’m longing for a figure of a knight who protecting someone...!”

“Don’t say something strange.... If you want to protect someone, that doesn’t necessarily means you must become a knight, right?”

That is indeed, right. Adventurer is, a job which work for people’s sake. That isn’t different from knight. Having much freedom, having less pride, these are the only difference.

“That man, what is he called as?”

“Kitsune... he is called as such.”

“Kitsune... than man surely would keep ascending to a more higher place.”

“Eh?”

“That man, I could see that he has something... a completely different ability than sword or martial arts...Trisha, how about you try following that man for a while? I’m sure, you’ll be able to see scenery which won’t be able to seen as a knight... that is, perhaps a scenery which even demon eye is unable to see, you know?”

My father is, says so while laughing. Even though Kitsune was always emitting such perilous aura, why does my father says something as if he is recognizing him? My father, what did he see at that man.

I'm, very curious about it. The scenery which Kitsune currently see, and the scenery which he's going to see, my father said that it's a scenery which even would be impossible to be seen using demon eye.

I want to see it.

"...honorable father."

"Hmm?"

"I, want to see that scenery."

"Hahaha, I see, I see...."

"I'm going to become an adventurer. And then someday...."

To me who is stopping my words, my father is looking at me. He is dubiously looking at me with his clear blue eyes.

I'm facing my father who is a knight leader, facing the back which was always I chase, facing the one I admire,

“—without fail, I will surpass that back of yours.”

And say so.

My father is, dauntlessly smiling with belligerent expression.



The next morning, Rishe-chan come to my room. Without using her knight armor, her sword is still hung at her waist but I feel that her face is somehow different from yesterday. Did she take a surgery? No no, that’s no way possible.

Finia-chan and Lulu-chan are still sleeping, before I wake them up, ever since my room’s door was knocked those who are awake inside my room are none other than me and Rishe-chan.

Seems like she has something to say to me, since I had did my best yesterday could it be she is going to confessing or so I thought with my heart pounding hardly, and so I face Rishe-chan.

“Firstly, Kitsune... thank you, you’ve did so many things for my sake.”

“Ah, yes. Well, it was somewhat tiring but I had a debt to you for saving my

life after all, so you don't have to mind about it."

Seems like isn't about it. As I thought human aren't that easily become popular, huh. Well, that's also fine though, since I also can't imagine such view that Rishe-chan fall in love at me after all. Nevertheless, a girl like Rishe-chan seems like weak to be treat as a girl, right. She also has a little shy part at her, after all.

"And then, umm..."

"Hmm?"

Oh? Is it finally it? Averting her eyes, Rishe-chan is acting suspiciously as if she want to say something embarrassing, isn't it without a doubt the appearance of someone who is going to confessing? Is it okay if I have a high expectation here? It's okay right! Come on, come and say it!

"Kitsune, would you put me into your adventurer comrade?"

"Okay!hmm?"

"I see... thank you, then from now on, please take care of me!"

Seems like it wasn't a confession. I spontaneously answer it, but well isn't that fine. I was also intending to take her as my comrade if she was unable to become a knight, after all, isn't it good that I don't need to ask her myself. Or rather, I'm curious about what happened with her trial's result.

“Then, Rishe-chan. Does that means you were unable to become a knight?”

“That isn’t quite right... in order to make my father recognizes me, I decided to become an adventurer.”

“I’m not quite understand what you’re saying.”

I don’t understand, but, if Rishe-chan is good with it then I won’t say anything either. In the end, since everything were settled peacefully, everyone lived happily ever after.

Well then, I think for now I should wake Finia-chan and Lulu-chan up.

“Wake up, Finia-chan.”

“You ‘re... could it be, my supposed to dead elder brother... so you’re alive...! Ha, good morning Kitunse-san! Rishe-chan is also here, huh! Good morning!”

“Yes, good morning.”

“Ah, good morning.”

Seem like her dream setting today is her long separated bother appeared again and become her enemy. Each night she sees different dream, but well since she could keep up with that original repertoire, in some sense I admire her.

And then I shake Lulu-chan to wake her up. She is easy since different from Finia-chan, she would properly wake up after all.

“Lulu-chan.”

“Hmm... good morning, Kitsune-sama.”

“Yes, good morning.”

She is sleepily rubbing her eyes, but seems like she has properly conscious, since she properly greet me. It hasn't that long since she lives together with me, but it seems like she is considerably got used to my livelihood already. You could say that it's the result of us compromising each other, but it seems like at least she has believed me that I won't oppress her. Thanks god, thank god.

And then, while looking at such Lulu-chan, Rishe-chan come to talk at me.

“I've been wondering since yesterday, but... Kitsune, did you buy a slave?”

That is statement which come because she saw the “Slavery chocker” which usually attached to a slave, since she seems like doesn't know about my time with Lulu-chan so it can't be helped if she ask me about it.

But, if we're going to be comrades then then I must tell her about it.

“Yes, but now she's my family. Calling her a slave, I won't forgive it even if it's you.”

“...I see, that’s good then. At this country there were many people who oppressed their hidden slaves after all... it’s good if you’re living together as a family, since I also prefer that way, after all.”

“Lulu-chan is a good child. I’ll be glad if you’re able to get along with her.”

“Of course, I was originally someone who intended to become a knight, so I have no even a micro scale of thought to oppress her.”

Yup, at this rate Rishe-chan and Lulu-chan would be able to get along, too. Moreover, since both of them are girls so they should be able to open up their heart easily. Hmm? Finia-chan is a fairy, but aren’t I the only male at this party? Uwah, if I think about it, isn’t it means I’m quite a winner here!

“Kitsune-san! What are we going to do today?”

Finial-chan ask me that. Yup, my comrade have increased, and I also had got a clue about a way to return to my former world. I think it would be better for me to start my preparation to follow that clue from now on.

Hero.

I don’t know what kind of person he is, but he’s an otherworlder who was summoned as the one who would subjugate the demon lord. And then, an otherworlder who has the possibility to return to his former world. There’s a need to investigate him.

“Before that, since Rishe-chan has become our comrade, how about we introduce ourselves first?”

“Eh! Is that so?”

“Did you perhaps failed to become a knight?”

At my word, Finia-chan and Lulu-chan reacted. Our gazes are focused on Rishe-chan, Rishe-chan is smiling while receiving those gazes.

“Ah, let me introduce myself once again. I’m Trisha Rumiela, you could call me whatever you like. From now on, please take care of me.”

Rishe-chan introduces herself similarly like when we first met. I feel as if this is our first self-introduction.

No, practically this is indeed our first. Casting away her past self who always running to become a knight, and reborn as someone new. That’s why, this is the first self-introduction of her new self.

“I’m the strongest Fairy, Finia! Best regards!”

“Umm, my name is Lulu Soleil-desu. I’m looking forward to work together with you-desu.”

“I’m Kitsune, I welcome you, Rishe-chan.”

We’re replying so while smiling. And like that, we get a new comrade. Trisha Rumiela— a girl who was unable to become a knight.

Chapter 29: The Difference Between Kitsune and Nagi

“And then, what are you gonna do from now on?”

After finishing our self-introduction, such topic come from Rishe-chan’s words. Finia-chan is sitting at Lulu-chan’s laps who’s sitting on the bed, as for I and Rishe-chan are sitting on the chairs which had been provided by the inn.

When I sit while leaning to back of the chair, with that question I straighten my back as if I’m going to do an interview.

“Rishe-chan, do you know that the hero had been summoned?”

“Umm, yea... that was famous even among knights, after all.”

“Hero! What’s that, isn’t that sounds very cool!”

“Ah, Finia-chan and Lulu-chan haven’t heard of it, right.”

Come to think of it, because when I heard it from Grim-san, at that time Firia-chan and Lulu-chan were diligently choosing our quest, after all, so they didn’t about the hero. Well, since there would be nothing which would obstruct our conversation, so it should be good as long as I tell them about it bit by bit.

“Seems like the demon lord had been resurrected, you know, and so they summoned a hero. Grandile kingdom, was it? And, since I’m quite curious about

it so I'm thinking to go there or something."

"Umm... Gradile kingdom, huh... going there is indeed isn't something difficult, but there is a survival of the fittest country, as an adventurer if you're not strong enough to live there, you would simply be crushed, you know?"

"I'm fully aware of it. I only interested by the Hero who was summoned there, and I even have no intention to do any fight and the like, after all."

To be frank such a thing are scary, after all. Just what's so fun to live at such kingdom which filled with battle junkies? At least, well, I thought about increasing our ability to collect raw materials there, moreover, to crush any weakling even though they were similarly human... that sounds just like a bullying. They hate the weakling, or so they must would say, even that would be troubling the hero to be summoned at such country.

If it was me, without a doubt I would be angry, ah, wait, as I thought since I might be killed so I'll just keep quiet about it.

"If that's the case then it's good, but...."

"That's why for a while we're going to take some more quest so that we could save some money for it, and then I thought we would go to that country when we already have a certain extent ability to survive there."

"I see."

"Are we going to another country? My anticipation increased! No matter what kind of fellow they are, this Finia-chan will burn them into cinders!"

“Yes, thank you. But please be careful with the time and situation, right?”

Since burning someone randomly isn't something good, after all. To be honest, if it's Finia-chan, she might be really able to do it so it is scary. And without a doubt that would make us be labeled as enemies from our surroundings. At that time, someone might suddenly be stabbed from the back you know, that would be me. Even though he didn't do anything, he might be suddenly killed you know, and that would be me!

“Well, anyhow, in the end it's still the usual thing... for now, how about we go to the adventurer guild to have Rishe-chan registers as an adventurer.”

Come to think of it, if I left this country, that means I would bid my farewell with Mia-chan and the other, huh, I had some people who understood me at my middle school era, and then we parted when we advanced to high school, but I never felt lonely about it. If I think about it, somehow this is a new feeling.

Nonetheless, it doesn't means we would never meet again, after all, so let's just take it easy.

“Then, let's go.”

At my word, we start moving.



—at the other side, around the same time. At the country which summoned the hero, Grandile Kingdom.

The summoned hero was, named as “Serisawa Nagi”.

His height was perhaps around 181 cm. He had a thin and slender appearance rather than a muscular one, but he had well-ordered firm muscles at his body, that was the physical trait which would called as the thin muscular. His limbs were also long, with a well ordered features, matching his title as a hero, you could say that he was a handsome guy.

When he was summoned, that was at the time he was going home from school so he was wearing his blazer which was his school uniform, when he thought that he was wrapped by light, suddenly there was a girl stood before him, that’s when he got his awareness back.

And then, the appeared Miko girl who was named herself as Cecil, calmly ask him a request. He who had a strong sense of justice, after he heard it, at once he asked her for further explanation about it.

“Haa!!”

“Gua...!?”

“Enough! The winner is, Nagi!”

And then, two days after his summoning. The summoning purpose, they summoned a hero because they wished to defeat the demon lord, when Nagi heard that explanation, he could calm himself down since that was a reasonable reason.

And then, about when he was able to defeat the demon lord, he would be able to return to his former world, about the burden which was borne by the Miko before him, about his hidden power which might be able to solve all of it, if he had heard that much then that's enough. Since Nagi had a high sense of justice, he decided to accept the duty and responsibility as a hero.

After that, Nagi participated at the practice at Grandile kingdom's knight practices. Originally, at his former world he had learnt kendo, aikido and many other martial arts, he was even a top ranker who had won numerous national competitions, for such him, after he participated at the training he quickly became far more stronger.

He would absorb everything they taught him as if a sponge, and he would master it after he practiced for several times. Also, as a summoned hero, seems like his physical strength had become several times stronger than at the time he was at his former world, and he already strong enough to fight an average knight at this first practice.

"Haa... haa... fu...."

"Nagi-sama, if you deign."

"Ah, yes... thank you Cecil-san."

He also won the mock battle just now. Cecil who came after the battle ended was offering him a cloth to wipe his sweat off. And then, Nagi received it and thanking her while wiping his sweat off.

Nagi had been told about the position of the girl named Cecil before him. The miko girl was, after summoning the hero, she must offer her whole body and soul to the summoned hero.

He had no intention to do it, but if he asked it, whether it night attendance or sacrifice, she might did any of it, right. Since Nagi could saw that resolve dwelled at her eyes, so he could understood it just at a glance.

“I don’t mind if you just call me as Cecil.”

“If you say so then I also don’t need the ‘sama’ suffix, though....”

“Nagi-sama is a hero, so I couldn’t give no respect to you.”

“Or so I thought....”

As the matter of fact, he didn’t thought that he was that close with Cecil. With just two days after their encounter, there were many things he didn’t know about her, but as expected since she had the duty to devote her body and soul to the hero, he could felt a wall between them.

“Nevertheless, you’ve been become greatly stronger, right. An average knight won’t be able to become your opponent anymore.”

“No, I’m still a long way to go... letting aside my physical, my sword art is still bad, after all.”

“phy, physical?”

“Ah, umm... it’s about my physical ability.”

“I see... Nagi-sama has a great desire to improve yourself, right.”

To Cecil who was chuckling, even for Nagi who was looking at her was seeing her as a cute girl. Her black hair was matched with her miko cloth, she looked like an extremely pure girl. To the point if it was at his former world, he thought that without a doubt she would be very popular among the opposite sex.

“Nevertheless, just how strong a demon lord is? Since I need to overcome it....”

Here, Nagi changed the conversation. Since he just came to this different world, he hadn’t know about this world. How much he should become stronger, how strong magical beasts and demons were, he who hadn’t left the castle didn’t know any of it.

To that question, Cecil thought about it while hiding her smile. And then, she answered it with a bit hard expression.

“Demon lord is... very strong. Perhaps, we won’t be able to defeat it even if we fight it with all the knights from this country. The knight leader and magic

knight, if we fight together with the strong adventurers perhaps we would be able to defeat its demon followers, but we won't be able to do anything about the demon lord."

"It's, it's that strong, huh...."

"Yes, that's why I hope Nagi would become much more stronger. Because hero is, the hope of this world, after all."

Such words which were said by Cecil while smiling, it was filled with an earnest emotion. Nagi was, didn't know that he was at the position which was referred as the hope of the world, he was bewildered to be suddenly placed at such position.

An existence which couldn't be defeated even by assembling every powerful person around the world, the demon lord. Being told to defeat such an existence, he honestly thought that it was impossible to the point he wanted to run away.

However,

"Well, let's do our best."

Like that, even if he was a hero, rather than saving someone he didn't who they were, where they lived and the like who wished to be saved by him, Nagi thought that he felt a stronger urge to fulfill the wish of the girl before him.

I need to become stronger, no... I have to become stronger.

Even if he was told that he had the power to save the world, he didn't know whether he actually had it within his body or not himself. But, as long as there was still a possibility, if he could become any help, he thought he would go through it with all his might.

"This, thank you."

Handing the cloth which had been used to wipe his sweat off to Cecil, he wielded his mock sword again. He had enough fighting spirit, at the time he had right now, he would utilize every second of it to become stronger. Such spirit was surging to his expression, his figure which sharply swung his sword, surely a hero.

The knights around him were, seeing that figure, they could feel that their ray of hope had become brighter.

That was the hero.

The one who would become the hope of humanity, the guider.

The ray of hope who would slay all evils and save the world.

Demon lord's threat was, slowly approaching. Even right now, there were numerous people who were died by the hands of magical beasts and demons. While keeping that in mind, Nagi earnestly swung the sword. Implementing everything they taught him, and mastering all of it.

When the practice that day ended, Nagi had did 100 mock battles with average knight, and won all of it.



The miko Cecil Dimietta was, currently taking care of the hero. Lending her shoulder to Nagi who was exhausted after training, she brought him to the room which had been provided for him. After wiping the sweat off from the roughly breathing Nagi, she gave him some water to drink. Seems like he had overcome his limit by continuously swinging his sword. Even his hands were tattered, and his sweats were unusually flowing out.

“Haa... haa... I’m tired.”

“Nagi-sama, please pay more attention to your own body.”

“Hahaha... haa... haa... I was too engrossed in it, after all... haa... haa... fuu...”

While saying so to Cecil who advised him with worry expression, Nagi readjusted his breath little by little. And then, when his breath had completely steady, he felt disgusted by the sweat around his body.

“This sweat, sure is disgusting, right....”

“We’ve prepared the bathtub, but, would you use it?”

“Thank you, then let’s use it.”

Being led by Cecil, Nagi was brought to a large public bath. While thinking that the separation of men and women’s bath was also similarly happened in the different world, he entered the men’s bath. By the way, different from Kitsune, he was able to read the different world’s letter, so he could properly read the men’s bath sign. But, he had no skill to see status.

Taking his clothes off, he entered the bath area and, seems like there was no one there. Since Nagi felt that he wanted to enter the bath at ease so it was a good thing if there was no one around, or so he thought when he took his clothes off.

“Sho, to... hmm?”

“.....”

“...umm, why do you here? Cecil-san?”

“I, I think to... wash your back, or something.”

Taking his upper clothes off, he realized that Cecil was there. He was surprised since he thought that she surely would entered the women’s bath or perhaps returned to her room.

Since Nagi was half naked before her eyes, her face was blushing and her eyes

were suspiciously wandering here and there. Sometimes she would stealthily took a glimpse of Nagi's body, but that was very obvious.

But, as a girl who would always express a calm manner ever since their first encounter, such appearance of Cecil was, somehow something new.

"Ah... no, you don't need to do something that far...."

"N, no... dat, that's... also part of my duty....!"

"Your face is bright red, though... also, it's embarrassing, after all."

With a pure outer appearance, seems like her inner was also similarly so, she seemed to be embarrassed by just seeing the naked upper half body of the opposite sex. Hanging her blushing face, he could feel shy and falter at her expression.

However, even when she didn't seems like would pulling off here, he couldn't braced himself to chase her out. Embarrassed for still drenched by sweat, Nagi was the one who pulling down.

"...I get it, then, could you please turn away?"

"Y, yes...."

After confirming that Cecil has turned away, Nagi quickly took her lower clothes off. And then he wore a cloth at his waist to hide his important part.

“It’s okay now.”

“Yes... niyu!”

“Hmm?”

Cecil screamed a strange voices when she saw Nagi’s appearance, and made her calm expression became much more redder. The appearance of using a single loincloth, buttocks and almost all part of his body were exposed. With sweats flowing around his body, that was a very strong stimulus for an innocent (naïve) girl like her.

Shaking her head to calming down her dizzy field of vision, her gazes was quickly slanting downward.

“Then I’m going to enter first... if it seems too hard for you then you don’t need to force yourself to do it, or rather please do so.”

Nagi entered the bath area with a bitter smile. Cecil exhaled in relieve. Her face was still red, but she was at the state where she had a great curiosity after seeing a naked body of on opposite sex for the first time.

Taking off her miko clothes, she become only wore the thin white cloth hadajuban which she used under her miko clothes. Rolling the cuff up, and then fastened it by string after it was rolled up till her upper half thigh. And then, after taking one deep breath, she entered the bath area where Nagi had entered it beforehand.

“Nagi-sa—kya!?”

“Eh?”

Opening the door, when she was approaching the bathtub where Nagi was, she slipped. And because of that, she entered the bathtub head first, she made a great splash and then sinking inside the water.

“Abubububu!?”

“Cecil-san!?”

Nagi flusteredly lift the drowning Cecil up. Cecil raised her face up, even if she was somewhat coughing violently, seems like she had no injury.

Nagi was sighing in relieve when he saw it, and relieved. But, that thought was stopped there.

“*cogh cough*... I, I’m sorry... thank you very much.”

“.....”

“? Nagi-sama? ...what is...!?”

Cecil who felt dubious to Nagi who didn’t say anything, she traced the end of his gazes. And then, not just that gazes was directed to herself, when she looked downward, her white clothes was drenched.

—and her body was seen through it.

Cecil wore an underwear at lower part, but she didn't wear the upper part. Because her clothes was drenched, from her bulging chest till her red apex, everything were completely visible.

“Kyaa!?”

“Ah... so, sorry!”

She immediately hide her chest with both of her hands. And when Nagi's awareness returned, he averted his eyes.

Having her body being seen by Nagi, the shame for showing such disgrace, her face was become much more redder then at the time she saw Nagi's body.

“Ah, umm... since I'll close my eyes, it's okay if you leave at that time.”

“I, I'm sorry... next time I'll properly wash your back...!”

At Nagi's word, Cecil quickly left the bath area.

After confirming that, simultaneously with sighing greatly, Nagi flapped her reddened face with his hands. As expected, for seeing a girl's naked body as it is, and seeing it from a transparent clothes sure had a different level of lasciviousness, seems like that was even made him unable to took his eyes from her.

“...it was, quite a big pair, right....”

Cecil Dimietta. The miko of Grandile Kingdom, her age was seventeen years old. She was similarly seventeen years old like Nagi, but the one hidden below that miko clothes was, lumps of a great ripen maternity.

Hero, Serisawa Nagi who saw it, murmured in a daze.

Chapter 30: Threat of hand

Well then, perhaps three days has passed since Rishe-chan became our comrade? We took the most suited request to polish our respective field of expertise. Rishe-chan who just recently registered as an adventurer was also immediately able to advances to F rank, so we were intending to take a subjugation request of some small fry magical beast.

To be honest, with Finia-chan as the main force of our party, I think we should be able to take down an E rank magical beast.

Well, the one who'll fight it is Finia-chan, though, considering the fact that she could instant kill the wolf shaped magical beast we encountered inside the forest, isn't Finia-chan battle ability is quite outstanding? Magical power-wise, hers is equaling Rishe-chan's father, after all.

And so, our current statuses are something like these.

◇Status◇

Name : Naginata Kitsune

Gender : Male Lv. 10 (↑ UP 4)

Strength : 40

Stamina : 180

Resistance : 350

Agility : 210

Magic Power : 100

Title :『Other worlder』

Skill : 『Pain Nullification Lv.2』 『Eerie Constitution』 『Other World Language』
『Status Appraisal』 『Persistence』 『Overpower』 『Other worlder』 『Near Death Experience』

Innate skill : ???

PT Member : Finia (Fairy), Lulu (Beastman), Trisha (Human)



◇Status◇

Name : Finia

Gender : Female Lv. 21 (↑ UP 5)

Strength : 320

Stamina : 820

Resistance : 150

Agility : 740

Magic Power : 6000

Title :『Fairy of Unrequited Love』

Skill : 『Light Magic Lv.4』 『Magic Recovery LV.4』 『Recovery Magic Lv.3』 『Fire Magic Lv.5』 『Body Reinforcement Lv.2』

Innate skill : ???

PT Member : Naginata Kitsune (Human), Lulu (Beastman), Trisha (Human)



◇Status◇

Name : Trisha Rumiela

Gender : Female Lv. 25 (↑ UP 2)

Strength : 450

Stamina : 600

Resistance : 90

Agility : 580

Magic Power : 130

Title :『Adventurer』『Demon Eye Holder』

Skill : 『Sword Art Lv.2』 『Demon Eye of Foresight Lv.1』 『Body Reinforcement Lv.2』 『Swift』

Innate skill : 『Demon Eye of Foresight』

PT Member : Naginata Kitsune (Human), Finia (Fairy), Lulu (Beastman)



Something like those. Finia-chan’s statuses growth is indeed abnormal, but my resistance is also considerably increased. By the way, since seems like Lulu-chan is still scared to fight, her level hasn’t increased. Whether does she thought she hadn’t done anything, recently she started to take care of my belonging.

Ever since the day I gave her the short sword, she always practices swinging it, but as expected she still need a considerable courage to fight.

But, ever since Rishe-chan became our comrade, seems like Lulu-chan receives a guidance about how to swing the sword from her, and make her swordsmanship become sharper. Even if her level doesn't increased, seems like there's still some improvement at her.

"Good morning, Mia-chan."

"Good morning, Kitsune-sama."

After this and that, right now we come to the guild. First of all, after we heard that seems like the treatment of slave at Grandile Kingdom is way harsher than here, I thought about letting Lulu-chan to fight magical beast.

By the way, I keep doing the chores request. Since if I do it by myself I won't be able to defeat the magical beast, after all, so I asked Rishe-chan and Finia-chan to undertake the subjugation request, when I and Lulu-chan take the chores request.

Because of that, people of this country are quite close to us. As expected, if we take a request which require us to make a contact with people, seems like we'll naturally be on good terms with them. I even would always have a little chat with Milia-chan, who put up the pet search request, whenever we met at the town.

"Today, what kind of business do you have here?"

“Same as usual, but since right now we’re together with Finia-chan and Rishe-chan, I’m intending to take a subjugation request.”

I and Lulu-chan are H rank, but since we’re together with F rank adventurers so we’re able to take a subjugation request. Well, the majority of F rank adventurer won’t bother to take along some H rank adventurer, though. As for us, we have two F rank, and two H rank, and so we’re able to take it.

“I see... by the way, I hear that you had some skirmish with Vaiz the knight leader some days ago, but... what did you do?”

“He just mad because I said something along please give your daughter to me.”

“That wasn’t something funny even as a joke, after all....”

After three day passed, seems like the matter about me and the knight leader has spread through the whole country. Even Mia-chan is also staring fixedly at me. To be stared by a beauty, since it’s suits her so it’s quite a pleasant thing, isn’t it? If I was the one who did it then I’m sure they would say don’t look at me with that hell-like eyes of yours, or so.

“Eh, but I got his daughter, you know?”

“No way!?”

When I point at Rishe-chan, Mia-chan plainly reacts with a surprised

expression. To see her makes such plain expression, it's quite amusing.

"Well, as a comrade, though."

"Ah... I see."

With a relieved expression, Mia-chan returns to her usual posture. It's that, right? She was flustered because I have a girlfriend like existence, wasn't she? Could it be Mia-chan has something at me? If that's really the case, to be liked by such beauty, aren't I seems like a real winner here?

Well, there's no way it would be true, isn't it? To be honest, I don't even have a single part of me which would make her fell for me, after all. Just look at the reality, I was the man who addressed her as booby at our first encounter, you know? I even asked her to let me to fondle them, you know? So that is just a dream beyond dream. My eyes are sweating.

"Kitsune-san! I want to take this request!"

"Which one? Ah, as I thought I can't read it."

"Which one? Umm... eh, wait, this is...."

"What? What's up Rishé-chan, what kind of request is it?"

"Ah, umm... a subjugation of an『Arachne』which lives inside the forest."

Arachne... that spider, huh!

Indeed, the current Finia-chan should be able to defeat it, isn't she? For us it's something akin to our destined enemy, but to be honest I'm a bit reluctant to enter that forest.

Inside that forest... 『Red Night』was there.

Moreover, if I think about it, our encounter with it was quite close to this country. Since it has been over a week already since that day so it won't be strange for it to have disappeared, but there's a possibility that it's still loitering around there.

Upon investigation, I heard that『Red Night』would devour the one it encountered without even leaving a single bone of it, I was the exception to be left after just taking my left eye, but the fact that I was dying wasn't changed... to be frank I don't want to meet it. It becomes my one and only trauma.

“Say, Finia-chan—”

“We'll take it!”

“Yes, I've confirmed it.”

“...”

When I was thinking about it, Finia-chan arbitrarily took the request. Wait, you should be able to understand it by thinking about it a little, perhaps that

monster is still there, you know? Do you know? Perhaps the next time it won't be settled by just my right eye you know? How about we discuss about it more.

"No problem, Kitsune-san!"

"What's no problem?"

"Since I'll protect Kitsune-san, after all."

—don't say that with that kind of smile, but, if she says so then don't I look like a coward, here?

Good grief, it can't be helped... got it, got it, I just need to go there, right? While wishing to not encounter that monster, for now let's believe her sunflower-like smile.

"...I get it, but we won't fight other than the spider, you hear?"

"Yup!"

"Well then, Mia-chan, we're going."

"...please be careful."

Since I had told Mia-chan about that monster, she seems a bit worried, that's a matter of course, right? Even I'm also scared to meet that monster again, after all.

But... Finia-chan is strong, right now let's just believe in it.



Taking the request, we immediately go to the forest. 『Red Night』is a nocturnal, so I want to undertake this request when the sky is still bright. The time limit is two weeks, we still have very much time but to be honest I want to restrain myself from entering the forest too often. I hope we could finish it today, though.

“Say Kitsune, why do you not bring any weapon?”

“I gave it to Lulu-chan, since I can't use it, after all.”

“To enter this forest without any weapon... well, since you're the leader of this party so I don't have any intention to ordering you or anything, but... I think it would be better if you bring some weapon.”

“You're right... hmm.”

What Rishe-chan said is completely right. I might indeed look like a fool to intend fighting a magical beast without any weapon. Even if my resistance status is high, perhaps it won't be able to withstand an attack from an existence

with over 300 strength, isn't it? So that means, I can't withstand an attack from any adventurers above F rank. Of course, I also can't fight other than small fry magical beasts, either.

By the way, small fry magical beast don't have a rank. A genuine, small fry. If it's according its power, then it's H rank magical beast, same as me.

"I'm good with it."

Picking a fallen tree stick around there, I lightly swing it. It's light, and since it's a disposable item so I won't be troubled even if I lost it. With my strength I won't be able to use a real weapon, and it also has no sign will increased either, after all.

"...well, whatever."

She seems like still has something to says, but perhaps she thought that even if she says anything further it would be in vain, so Rishe-chan keeps her mouth shut.

"Kitsune-sama... th, that."

"Hmm, what's up Lulu-chan— ah... it's been a long time, isn't it."

When I turn my eyes according to Lulu-chan's words, the one there is the existence which once threatened my life... it was also the existence which pulled out my power.

—bee.

Around ten human's head-sized bees are there. At its bottom, there's a little needle which could be shot like a bullet, and its vibrating wings are emitting a very noisy sounds.

But, surprisingly I'm not scared like how I was. Whether it because I had defeated it once, or perhaps because I've grown stronger, I don't know.

"What should we do, Kitsune... there's a paralysis poison at that bee's needles."

"Yup, well I know it. But no problem, since we'll ignore all magical beasts other than the spider, after all."

"How...."

I have my share of thanks to those bees, but even so, in the end today's objective is the spider. That's why, I'll have them disappear for now.

I activate my 『Eerie Constitution』. And then those bees immediately disappeared from our field of view with a great speed. This skill doesn't means for intimidating, but this skill sure is convenient. Since with this all weaklings are running away, after all.

Personally I have no intention to fight them, so I won't chase them if they run away.

“I’ve been curious about it ever since the case with my father, but, what did you do?”

“I just overpowered them a bit.”

This skill of mine isn’t giving pressure to my opponent, since it’s just intervening with my opponent’s mind so my surrounding won’t know what I have done. Since『Overpower』is a skill which gives pressure to its surrounding, it’s easy to understand. In that sense this skill sure is convenient.

“Well then, let’s continue.”

Saying so, we advance to the deeper part of the forest.



“Kitsune-san! Kitsune-san! Hand!”

“What do you mean?”

When we’re walking through the forest, Finia-chan is excitedly pointing out her finger to something. Her finger is pointed to the ground, when I look at it, the one there is a certain magical beast I recognized.

It's hand.

Its appearance is just a right hand, but there's a human mouth attached at it till around its wrist. It was the monster we encountered when we came out from the forest. If I remember it correctly, its name is 『Eater hand』, we ignored it when we encountered it before, though, since I thought it was just a slime-like monster.

When I thought so,

“E, eater hand...!? Why such magical beast is...!?”

Rishe-chan's reaction said that that isn't the case. Her expression is as if she sees the end of the world, what's up? Or so I thought. Upon checking its status, it has the weakest status with all 1 point other than its strength, it even has no special looking skill either. I thought there's nothing worth to be feared about, though.

“Ki, Kitsune... don't ever touch it, perish the thought of fighting it.”

“Eh? Why?”

“It's— a very dangerous magical beast of S rank (. . . .)!”

“!?”

When I hear that, I take a step back from that hand. I never thought it would

be such a dangerous magical beast, since it has no special looking skill, after all. What it means?

“What do you mean? Rishe-chan....”

“Its name is 『Eater hand』, as a magical beast, it’s a dangerous monster with threat equaling demon lord. Individually it isn’t that dangerous, but the terrifying part of it is its number.”

“Number?”

“It’s a magical beast which live through this whole world, the confirmed one are counted to be around six billions.”

Six billions!? Isn’t that equivalent with all mankind at my former world, I never thought that there’s such large quantity of hand existed...!

“Since seems like all of their thought are somewhat connected to each other, so if you killed even one of it, all of its specimen will come to kill you. So that means, when you find one of it, just think you’re facing a six billions worth of threat of it...!”

Oioioi, you’re joking, right?... The hand monster before us, to attack us with six billions number is, it’s shuddering, isn’t it. Indeed, even for the demon lord, to fight against such number sure is a threat, isn’t it?

“Well, it won’t attack the one who don’t attack it, so when you encounter it you should just go pass by without attacking it.”

“Got it....”

“It’s a magical beast with threat equaling the demonkin, even if individually it’s called to be the weakest, but going by its nature, it’s called to be the strongest magical beast.”

How dangerous~, thanks god I ignored it when I encountered it before. If we attacked it then we would be had dead there, weren’t we? Even though you’re just a hand, your scale is damned too big, aren’t you? Even though you’re just a hand!

Be that as it may, I thought with that number we should be able to easily find it when we search for it, but I don’t see other than this one hand.

“With that number, I thought that we should be able to see more of this eater hand, but....”

“Ah, seems like they’re basically live underground, after all, the one on the surface would be just around ten thousands among its six billions.”

“Ah, I see.”

To live underground, that means when we kill one of it, it won’t be strange that a large amount of eater hand would immediately appeared from the ground, huh... how scary, that spectacle. But to be able to know that, that means there should be someone who had done it before, wasn’t it? Just what happened at that time?

“Say Rishe-chan.”

“What’s up?”

“Did there someone who ever killed an eater hand?”

“Ah... in the past it become one of the greatest tale, the tale about the Chevalier Kingdom... when they subjugated some eater hands, that kingdom was annihilated by six billions eater hands....”

Uwaah.... My condolences, to that country.

I see, so from thereon it was decided that one shouldn’t intervene or hold hostility to any eater hand, huh, if they feel like it then don’t eater hands should be able to conquer the world?

Well, the fact that they’re just such passive magical beasts is the sole pleasant fact, though.

“...way to go, hand.”

“Way to go! Hand!”

Saying the same impression as before, we exhaled for passing by the threat before us. Since Lulu-chan has a pale expression, I hope we won’t encounter

any if it ever again.

If what Rishé-chan said is true then there's no existence that could defeat that eater hand, isn't it. Since even demon lord can't defeat it, after all.

"It sure is the strongest, isn't it, this eater hand...."

"Yes... there's a rumor that there was a pair who survived after fighting those eater hands... well, perhaps that's just a rumor, though."

"What's up with that monster like pair."

There's no smoke without fire, perhaps that pair is really exist. If that's really the case then I really want to meet them. If they're human, that's it.

While chatting like that, we start searching for the whereabouts of the spider again.

Chapter 31: The subjugation of The Arachne

After we keep searching for it through the forest for a while, we finally encounter our target. Right, that giant spider. Whether it because there are more people than before, or perhaps because it's a different one from before, well I don't know it but as expected different from our first encounter, this time is I'm not scared at all. Because different from before, right now we've become stronger, after all, I can't think we'd lose. If something happen then I also could just drive it away with "Erie Constitution". Moreover, this giant spider isn't necessarily a weakling. So if we defeat it, I'm sure it will give us a load of experience points, there's no way we would lose.

"Karorororo....!"

While crying such voices which I'd heard it before, the spider is gazing at us. Having a 5 meters big body, its width perhaps not less than eight meters.

"Kitsune, what should we do?"

"Finia-chan should just focusing on attacking it, we'll back you up."

"Leave it to me!"

"Lulu-chan, for now could you please prepare your short sword? Of course I'll do my best to protect you, but since our enemy right now is quite big, so just in case."

“Yes.”

Well then, our battle preparation have finished. For now, I would be focusing on observing Finia-chan who would take care of that spider. Otherwise, if I accidentally activate my “Eerie Constitution”, the spider would immediately run away, after all.

“Karo!”

The spider cries, and spiting a very thick thread from its buttock.

“It comes!”

“Evade!”

At Rishe-chan’s word, we start moving. Evading the approaching thread, Finia-chan advancing toward the spider. Rishe-chan moves following Finia-chan, where I and Lulu-chan move to the rear side of that spider to surround it.

Contrary to its big body, it has a considerable agility. When I think to move to its rear, its compound eyes are always keeping an eye on us.

But, it can’t turn toward us, isn’t it?

It should be understand it through its instinct, the most dangerous one here is, Finia-chan who comes upfront.

“『Fire Arrow』!”

Finia-chan invokes a magic, among Fire magic it is classified as a weak one but with Finia-chan’s magical energy she should be able to fires several hundreds of it, those arrow of fire!

“Lulu-chan, can you do it?”

“—I’ll do my best...!”

The spider’s eyes seize around ten-odd of those arrow of fire, moreover it jumps its body backward correspondently. But, on the rear of it, we’re there. Lulu-chan swings her short sword horizontally toward the approaching spider.

“Karo!”

“....!”

“We’re retreating, Lulu-chan.”

Being slashed, the spider’s consciousness is focused on us, I take some distance from it while holding Lulu-chan. Hit and run, this is also a splendid strategy.

But, spider-kun, isn’t it dangerous for you to facing here?

“Ka...roroo!”

Rishe-chan cuts one of its eight legs with her sword. After the case with that knight leader uncle, even while being seen by someone she's still able to splendidly swing her sword. Combining with her tempered status, her prowess is raising rapidly.

“Here it go! Everyone, take some distance.”

There, before we noticed it, overhead the spider, Finia-chan who is flying at a considerable height calling at us.

Her magical energy is shining, I have a somewhat bad feeling coming from it. As per she said, we start taking some huge distance from the spider. It's already hopeless, I'm not particularly know what would come, but I'm sure it's a type of attack which might unanimously swallow us up.

“—『Meteor Strike』!!”

When Finia-chan shouting so, tremendous fire is spreading around her, and the sky is immediately dyed in red from the spreading fire.

And then, the fire moving circularly, and forming a great tornado with Finia-chan as its center. Moreover, at that instant— Finia-chan says ‘Get burnt’ and dropping along with the tornado of fire.

“Oriyaaaa!!!”

“Gi...jaaaaa!!?”

Together with *gori gori* gouged sounds, simultaneously a sound of meat getting burnt could be heard. Along with the spider's shrieks, Finia-chan who attacked the spider's back several seconds ago is, flying out from its abdomen. Making a straight line of big hole at the spider's body, seems like its life was blown away by the force of the tornado.

"Ahaha! We win!"

After the tornado of fire disappeared, Finia-chan who come out is, immediately smiling and give a 'peace' sign to us.

No no no, don't give me that peace. If you were careless we might got annihilated, you know? Moreover, to use such absurd fire magic inside a forest, what should we do if the fire burnt some trees and spreading? Someone must take the responsibility, you know? And that would be me! Even though the one who burnt it was Finia-chan!

"...haa."

But, well, since we won so it's good. The spider is somehow ended with a very poor corpse, but, it's good, isn't it?

"You sure are amazing... Finia-chan."

"Yes... you're our Ace."

"Amazing."

“Hehe~n! The strongest and beautiful Fairy Finia-chan is invincible!”

Looking at Finia-chan who is puffing her chest out, we make a strained laugh.

But, above all, since she had tried her best so I should praise her, don’t I?

“Lulu-chan, you did well.”

“Ah...yes.”

This time, against that spider, Lulu-chan was able to make an attack even if it was a shallow one. She was just got Rishe-chan advising her stance, but seems like she could somewhat put Rishe-chan’s guidance into practice.

Moreover, even though she just took a slight part of the battle, but as long as she took a part of it she would still got some experience points. Since Lulu-chan was Lv.1 so her level should be raised considerably.

“Status.”

◇Status◇

Name : Lulu Soleil

Gender : Female Lv. 8 (UP 7)

Strength : 350

Stamina : 200

Resistance : 80

Agility : 280

Magic Power : 140

Title :『Slave』

Skill :『Short Sword-Arts Lv.1 (NEW!)』

Inherent skill : ???

PT Member : Naginata Kitsune, Finia (Fairy), Trisha (Human)



Ooh, her level raised by seven with just that spider. As expected from a giant spider, it was an E rank magical beast. It hold a considerable experience points.

Lulu-chan's status is suddenly overtaking mine, you know? But I'm not sad at all, since as long as my resistance increased then I'm good with it, after all. Level-wise mine is still higher, after all. I'm not mortified at all!

"Good for you, Lulu-chan. Your level has raised, you know?"

"Eh, is that true? Ehehe... I'm so happy."

That's why, I praise her while patting her head without showing my broken mental-state. This is, an adult's way of doing. As long as I could see Lulu-chan's happy smile, it's strange that I'll come to think that that's something can't be helped. Well, if my resistance increased further then I'll come and take the frontline! Before that come I must restrain myself, since I'm a trump card-like character, you know?

"Kitsune, just in case I've take the subjugation proof of that spider."

"Ah, sorry, thanks."

When I say so, Rische-chan comes and hand me several fangs of that spider. At a subjugation quest, if you don't bring back the subjugation proof than it would be counted as you haven't subjugated it. That means, we won't get the reward. That's why we must take the proof, like this. This time is the fang of this giant spider.

“Then, let’s go home. Before it getting dark.”

“Kay.”

“Yup!”

“Yes.”

At my word, everyone is answering, and then we start preparing to return. Our first hunt sure is fruitful, since we got the subjugation proof, so my 100% request completion rate hasn’t broken!

Having the corpse of that spider burnt by Finia-chan, we start walking. The day is still bright, at this rate seems like we won’t encounter that monster. Ah, thanks god.

“Say, Kitsune, there’s something I’m a bit curious about, though.”

“Hmm?”

“Can you see someone’s status?”

Ah, come to think of it I haven’t told Rishe-chan anything about my skills, didn’t I? Well, it’s just several days after she became my comrade, after all, so it can’t be helped. Since she just asked about it herself so let’s just tell her about it.

“Yes, I’m able to see someone’s status.”

“That means, you’d saw my father’s status?”

“Yes.”

“I see... you said something like that even after seeing it, huh.”

Seems like she’s saying something in murmur, but I can’t hear it. It’s just I feel like I can see Rishe-chan’s turned face is somewhat blushing. Hmm? Have I raised a flag somewhere? I have no such memory, though... ah, I see.

“No problem, no problem, since I can’t see your body weight nor height, after all.”

“N, no, that’s not... ah... no, I see, it’s good then.”

“?”

Was she embarrassed that I might be able to see her body weight, or the like? Well, anyhow looking at Rishe-chan’s state who was just sighing, seems like I shouldn’t take it in mind, but if she has some troubles then then I’ll gladly hear it out, though. If you feel like it I might be even able to give you some advices, you know?

While thinking such a thing, we walk through the forest. Today we went inside the forest but since we didn’t go that far so we should be able to go out from

the forest soon, don't we?

The trees are swayed by the wind, and the warm sunlight is illuminating the ground through the gap of the trees.

From what we heard about this forest, seems like there were numerous magical beast lived inside this forest, and seems like human's influence hadn't reached here. Well, any dangerous magical beast would got hunted by adventurers, but any basically passive magical beast that didn't leave the forest won't be hunted by adventurers. But there are some exceptions such as eater hand, though.

That's why there are many magical beast live here. There were some case where some magical beasts were fighting on turf war, but whether it because those magical beast were basically have an equal power, moreover without any special magical beast which ruled the whole forest, seems like they were able to live peacefully at their respective territories. But there are some exceptions such as eater hand, though.

Nevertheless, right now inside this forest there's a monster called 『Red Night』. So the possibility of the balance of this forest collapsing isn't nonexistent. But there are some exception such as eater hand, though.

“Say, Rishe-chan.”

“What's up?”

“Do you know about『Red Night』?”

“Yes... it’s infamous, after all. If my memories serve me right, it was an A rank magical being which very close to S rank, and I heard that it was a monster with nature closer to an magical beast rather than a demon.”

Close to a demon lord is, the hell with that, isn’t it could be called as the second demon lord?

“The most dreadful part is its position.”

“Position?”

“Yes, seems like 『Red Night』 isn’t a part of demon lord’s subordinates. Since individually, it was referred to be equaling demon lord, after all, moreover seems like it clearly has no intention such as annihilating humankind. Well by the fact it hasn’t bore any hostility toward demon lord, but keep eating human so it won’t be strange if it’s actually demon lord’s accomplice, though... if I should state it with human’s status then, perhaps it’s something akin to someone in charge of raiding.”

That means, the enemy of humanity that doesn’t listen to demon lord’s order, isn’t it? Isn’t that dangerous? Different from demon lord, since it has no demon nor magical beasts follower so that’s a great luck for human, but, to be equaling demon lord, isn’t that means it could only be defeated by the hero?

“Well, since it only moves in night, so currently its victims aren’t as great as demon lord do. Since it only attacks any humans it encounter, after all. Moreover, there was also someone who said that sometimes it would also eat some weak magical beasts. So I think it has no intention to waging war to humankind.”

“I see....”

But, isn't that means I still can't understand the reason why I was left alive, isn't it?... could it be that wasn't 『Red Night』? ... or perhaps because I was an otherworlder so I had an absolutely bad taste? Something like I was left behind because when it ate my left eye, it was very bad, or something along that line? What's that, that's really hurt my feelings.

While somewhat feeling down, we keep walking for a while and finally able to see the exit. Capturing the view of the town, at least we're able to leave the forest, and it happened when I was sighing in relieve.

“...wha?”

“Ooh?”

A figure of someone appeared beside me. I slightly stop my leg in surprise, but seems like that's a lucky one since because of that I'm not bumping with the appeared person.

The appeared person is, a girl with a similar height as mine. With a quirky but glossy black hair and white skin, she's a beautiful girl with high canine as her characteristic. But her attire is a similar clothes which is usually used by famed adventurers at the guild, she even use some protective armors. At her waist, there are two short swords-similarly like Lulu-chan's -being put there.

“Who are you...?”

“Ah, could it you're Kitsune-san! Nice to meet you!”

“Ah, yes, nice to meet you, too... then, who are you?”

“Well, I was lost when I loitering around the forest, you see! You sure saved me!”

“Ah, I see... then, who are you?”

“Do you know where Miniera is? If you’re okay with it then is it okay if I tag along with you till there?”

“Since Miniera is close by, so I won’t mind even if you are together with us, though... then, who are you?”

“I see! Thank you!”

Someone who won’t listen to other, huh. She’s the hard to deal type for me, in society, someone who won’t listen to other is generally stated as a nuisance and troublesome fellow, after all. Moreover, she seems very friendly, she’s always smiling, excess skin-ship, even right now she is embracing me while saying her gratitude, it’s modest but there are indeed some bulges pressing my arm, stick more closer— no no, I have no such a thought.

“Ah... umm, then I want to know your name, though?”

By the way this is my fifth time asking this.

“Ah, I see, I see, sorry! My name is Leila Vermillion, I come from, umm, if I’m

not mistaken, gran... dile Kingdom, perhaps?, I'm an C rank adventurer!"

She, Leila Vermillion confidently says so.

Chapter 32: Leila Vermilion

“Well, ever since I departed from Grandile Kingdom, I arrived at this forest around one week ago but somehow I was lost! It sure a great luck to be able to meet you, Kitsune-kun!”

After that we returned to Miniera while bringing along this lively girl, Leila Vermilion.

From what she have said, it seems she had been lost inside that forest all thus time. Originally she came here together with her male comrade that made a party with her, but when she lost sight of him, no matter how much she searched for him she was unable to found him, and she who had a poor sense of direction was lost further, and passed one whole week long roaming around this forest till she finally met us today.

When she shown us her adventurer card, indeed

‘Leila Vermilion – Adventurer Rank: C’

Was written there. A C rank adventurer is a considerably powerful person, they are forefront adventurer who aren’t just fighting magical beasts but also ‘the enemy that possess intelligent’ demons head on. For personally meet her I can understand her awesomeness, her indifferent way of speaking and her friendly conduct and behavior, how should I put it, she has no opening. Perhaps, if she is really wants to do it, she should be able to cut my head in an instant, doesn’t she?

“Then I’m going to go to the adventurer guild of this town! Later!”

“Wait a minute, that way is to the outskirt area, where are going to?”

“Oh? Ahaha, sorry, sorry... may I ask you to lead me till the guild as well?”

After I stopped Leila-chan who was running toward the outskirt area even though she said she wanted to go to the adventurer guild, she embarrassedly joined both of her hands, and asked me so with upturned eyes and a wink.

Good grief, Leila-chan is indeed cute. She possess a cuteness where she would surely popular as an idol at my former world. Nevertheless, I’m not such a whimsical person who would keep accompanying such suspicious person who I just met before. If you’re really like to lost then just return to the forest and get lost again!

“Please ☆”

“It can’t be helped, isn’t it? It’s this way.”

Don’t just arbitrarily hug my arm. Isn’t it feel good where your soft boobs touching me! Good grief, only this time, I will be kind to such unknown stranger. That’s why come clos— oops, not it, I have no such a thought. Oioi, please don’t look at me with that kind of eyes, Rishe-chan.

“Kitsune... you....”

“That’s not it. Helping a troubled person is my nature, you know.”

“That’s indeed right, especially a girl who would press her chest on you, right?”

“Boobs are the embodiment of dream, after all, no matter its size is.”

“He has been corrupted!”

Even if Rishe-chan murmured so, I’ll keep tread this path. There’s no men who hate boobs, after all, and I’m also a proper man, you see! Since at my former I have no such experience even once so what’s so bad about it?!

“Gununu... go away from Kitsune-san, you burglar cat!”

“She’s indeed a burglar cat, isn’t she?”

“Kitsune-sama....”

“Eh, what?”

After that, the somehow displeased Finia-chan is relentlessly clapping Leila-chan’s hands, where Lulu-chan is grasping my other hand. What? Am I finally reached that legendary period? But, for me who died once and got reincarnated into this another world, not getting popular is the most natural route isn’t it? I sure am pitiful, aren’t I?

Nevertheless, since what I got are a doll sized fairy and a little girl, isn’t that a bit cruel? No, it isn’t like I hate them or anything, it’s just... age-wise, I want a

girl with age where I won't be charged even if I date her, you see.

"Ahaha, Kitsune-kun sure are popular!"

"The cause is you, though."

"It's not that bad, isn't it? Since because of that you can taste the sensation of boobs, right?"

"I can't deny that."

"Kitsune-kun sure are honest, aren't you~"

Ignoring the sullen Finia-chan and Lulu-chan, but since Rishe-chan's gazes which says a committee chairman-like words "Illicit relationship is not allowed" is quite scary so perhaps it would be best to say good bye to this sensation soon, isn't it?

I quietly slip out from Leial-chans arm, and let Finia-chan sit at my shoulder. Don't just keep clapping someone, good grief. Could it be, was Shiori-chan unexpectedly such an easy to jealous person? Since Finia-chan who was born from her is like this, after all.

But I never thought Lulu-chan would reacted that way. Perhaps she didn't want to had her family got stolen by someone, right? or so I thought. Considering her place, perhaps she had restrained such conduct as much as possible thus far, right?

“Aah, what a shame.”

“Well, looking at the situation just now, if I left it a little longer I thought it may lead to a bad direction immediately, after all. But, since as you can see Finia-chan and the others are in such bad moon so please bear with it by just holding hand.”

“....!”

When I say so while extending my hand to her, she stares in wonder at my hand. And then, after she stares on it for several seconds, she grasp my hand while slightly blushing.

What’s up with her? Even though just now she deliberately pressed her chest on me, could it be she is embarrassed to holding hands with me? Hmm, what a hard to understand girl.

And like that, I return to the guild while holding Leila-chan’s hand. I also have to report the completion of the subjugation of the archne request, after all, so it’s just like killing two bird with one stone, isn’t it?

Opening the door, we enter the guild. And then, all of the gazes are gathered at us, in the next instance

—the atmosphere inside the guild suddenly become noisy.

Speaking of the dumbfounded person, there are also adventurers who become speechless, all those discerning eyes which gathered here are all filled with a surprised expression.

And then, the one who is being looked by those gaze isn't me, but the person beside me... Leila-chan.

“That black hair and that pair of sword at her waist... could it be, she is the C rank adventurer, Leila Vermilion?!”

“No way... why such a person comes here...?”

“Could it be... she heard about the appearance of the『Red Night』here....”

“Or rather, why does she together with Kitsune....”

Leila Vermilion, a C rank adventurer, moreover a beauty, as expected it seems she is very popular. As a forefront adventurer she must be a very strong person, moreover, didn't she say that she came from that battle junkies eden, Grandile Kingdom? So perhaps it won't be strange that her name has spread through every country, isn't it?

Nevertheless, it's indeed strange. There's no adventurers above E rank at this country, if I may add, this is a very peaceful country which no magical beast above E rank.

Could it be, she really comes here to hunt 『Red Night』....?

But I can't thought that a sole C rank adventurers like her comes here to hunt an A class magical beast which has a higher rank than her. Then what's her objective...? Come to think of it, she knew my name, but... did we had met

somewhere?

“Kitsune-kun, your legs stopped, you know? Aren’t you going to the receptionist desk?”

“Ah, yes.”

Being told so, the just returned me immediately move to Mia-chan’s place. As expected even Mia-chan is also surprised by the appearance of Leila-chan, she’s gazing at us with round eyes.

“Mia-chan, I come here to report the completion of the request.”

“Eh, ah yes!”

“Here are the subjugation proofs.”

When I talk to her, Mia-chan flusteredly takes out the application request. After Rishe-chan places the fang of the spider at the counter, we wait till Mia-chan finishes the procedure.

Even when she is flustered, Mia-chan swiftly finishes the completion request procedure which she had got used to do, and hands over the reward.

“I presume these are indeed the fang of the archne... then, here’s the reward, twenty five silver coins.”

“Thanks.”

“And then... the esteemed person there are, are you perhaps Leila Vermilion-sama?”

“That’s right~, nice to meet you, receptionist-san. Leila Vermilion, I came here because I heard that there was an interesting adventurer here, you see.”

“Eh? Interesting, adventurer...?”

Just who is this interesting adventurer? Was there any adventurer who do a comedy show? As far as I know, I know none of them, could it be it was the man who wooed Mia-chan without looking at the mirror some days ago? But since that man was an E rank so he was lower than Leila-chan, right?

Then just who is it? Finia-chan?

“Yes, he is the adventurer who stays as a H rank adventurer ever since he became an adventurer, the adventurer who survived when he encountered 『Red Night』, the adventurer who picked a fight with the A rank knight leader, the adventurer with 100% request completion rate, I’d heard many things about him, you see~.”

Who the hell is he? Hahaha, there’s no way such person exist, right? I’m indeed an H rank adventurer and survived when I encountered 『Red Night』, but I have no memory picking a fight with that uncle, and I indeed have 100% request completion rate but that’s all like Finia-chan’s achievement, after all.

“Oioi, who is that idiot who did such idiotic acts which even piqued the

interest of a C rank adventurer? Ahaha, what a masterpiece.”

“”””

Oi, what’s up with you guys? Please don’t look at me with that astonished eyes of yours. That was indeed a bit rude, but didn’t all of you always mocking me for always staying as an H rank adventurer? That was hurting me a bit, you know? I always got such treatment, you know? If you look at me with that kind of eyes then apologize, apologize to me who had been hurt by such act every day!

“”haa.””

Oioi, don’t sighing, I’d heard that when you sigh, your happiness would run away along with it, you know? Since the one who said it was Shiori-chan so there’s no way it might be wrong, since if it’s only about such trivial knowledge, she was quite knowledgeable, after all.

Nevertheless, he doesn’t show himself, huh. Is he isn’t here, the adventurer who piqued Leila-chan’s interest.

Nevertheless, unexpectedly it seems there’s also other H rank adventurer other than me, huh, since I have no much interest about another adventurers so it can’t be helped if I don’t know about it.

“What a shame, it seems he isn’t here, well then, see you later Leila-chan. We’re returning now.”

“Ahaha, what are you talking about, Kitsune-kun! It’s about you, you know.”

“Ahaha, back to you, what are you talking about, Leila-chan. Are you even lost in your head?”

“If you say that again I’ll hit you, you know~? My scary~ fist may fly, you know~?”

“Rocket punch...!? What’s that, I want to see it.”

“Receptionist-san, how the guild would explain about this man? Depending on your answer, I may respect you, you know? Receptionist-san.”

“I’m sorry... Kitsune-sama is always like this.”

Before I noticed it, it seems Mia-chan and Leila-chan are somehow on good terms. Seeing a beauty and a cutie together sure is a pleasant thing.

“Kitsune, the adventurer who had been mentioned by Leila, I think, perhaps it’s you, you know?”

“Eh... you’re kidding, right? Since I never picking a fight with uncle, after all.”

When I say so, Rishe-chan come close to my ear and whispers about what Leila-chan just said. It’s so ticklish when her breathing touch my ear.

“Perhaps... I think that’s regarding the case with me... since the you at that time, no matter how you see it, it could only be seen as you confronting my father, after all....”

“Eh... then what should I do, to be frank I think it would be very troublesome, though.”

“How about just obediently admit it, and then ask what her business is?”

Business... no matter how I think about it, it must be a troublesome business, isn't it? A distant apart forefront C rank adventurer comes to an H rank adventurer like me, you know? Moreover, she came with such dubious reason, without a doubt it's a flag when she would ask to fight against me, you know? Is that really okay? I'll lose you know? I'll lost in two seconds, you know? Even so, is that really okay?

“Kitsune-san, at a time like this, glossing it over is the best option... just change it to another subject!”

“I see, nice advice, Finia-chan... umm~, Leila-chan!”

“Yes, what~? Kitsune-kun! Are you finally understand it?”

Taking Finia-chan's advice, let's change the subject here! No matter the time and place, there's no girl who hate love story, right?! That's why, right now—

“Please go out with me!”

How's that! The surrounding peoples are showing a more surprised expression than at time we entered here, but I have no time to care about such a thing, to evade any troublesome thing, I'll pour all my might here!

Good, how's that, Leila-chan, will you still be able to utter your business even after received my confession?

“You sure understand it fast! Then, let's have a match! I'll wait you at the training ground, underground the guild.”

After saying so, Leila-chan start dashing toward the training ground where Rishe-chan once had a match against her father there.

“ ... ”

It finally come to this, huh....

Chapter 33: Duel

“Okay, let’s just go home.”

“Uwaah, cowardice as ever, aren’t you?! I respect you, Kitsune-san!”

Since Leila-chan has disappeared to the training ground underground the guild, I think it would be good if she just disappears as it is so I want to immediately return to the inn. Leila-chan is a beautiful girl, a cutie, she even let me feel the sensation of her boobs, but since it’s already a stated matter that I would get beaten to pulp if I fight her so I think this is the wisest choice. Whether it lose after fighting, or lose by W.O, either way the result would be still the same, isn’t it?

There, I notice chilly gazes from Rishe-chan and the others. What’s up with you all, isn’t it good even if I run away here?

“Kitsune, what did you mean just now?”

“I’m also interested, Kitsune-sama?”

“I, I also... want you to tell me....”

Rishe-chan, Mia-chan, and also Lulu-chan say so.

Even if you ask me what I meant, the meaning is exactly as it is, though. To go

home, we just finished a quest after all, since we just fought against that spider once again so I honestly tired. Why do I have to fight again moreover against someone stronger than that spider?

“Even if you ask me what I meant... I just wanted to go home, you know?”

“Not that one, the one before it.”

The one before it... ah, the ‘please go out with me’ one, huh. I initially did that to change the subject, but it wasn’t transmitted to Leila-chan. She completely ignored my once in my lifetime confession, didn’t she? I completely forgot that she was a girl who won’t listen to other. Perhaps that’s because the way she has no sense of direction is already too acute, after all.

“When I said please go out with me, I did that to change the subject, you know? Since at that rate I felt like it might led into a duel, after all. But it was all for naught, though.”

“...I see.”

“So that was the case, huh”

“Th, thanks god.”

Rishe-chan floats a sour looks, Mia-chan floats a business smile, and Lulu-chan floats an expression as if she is relieved from the bottom of her heart. Who is the most honest one? If I should say it then it’s Lulu-chan, she sure has a cuteness which would makes someone wants to dote her.

Nonetheless, are the three of them really that concerned about my confession? As I thought, aren't I actually quite popular?

"But, you can't just run away from this duel, Kitsune."

"Eh?"

"Aah~, who was the man who arbitrarily decided my duel against my father, I wonder?... even though I originally should have had one week extension time~...."

"Uwah, you bring that out now?"

Perhaps because Rishe-chan is formerly a knight so she doesn't particularly like the way I run away from a duel. Even if that's indeed the case but I think the way she does it is way too much, though. Someone might die, you know? I might die, you know?

When I give Mia-chan a gaze asking for help, she returns it with her usual business smile. No good, I can't ask her for help.

When I gaze at my last hope, Lulu-chan, she inclines her head. This girl is also no good, she doesn't understand eye contact. For now I decide to pat her head.

"♪"

Be that as it may, is there any way to run away from here? Finia-chan is just lying in my shoulder without having any concern about this matter, the other

adventurers also turn their faces away from Mia-chan's smile.

Seems like there's no way for me to run away, huh.

"...got it, got it, I just need to go there, right?"

Sighing once, I say so. To be honest, a rumor is nothing but a rumor, I have nothing to be expected by Leila-chan, but how absurd that I must suffer like this. Somehow it irritates me.

Trouble was a sure to have attribute for a protagonist of a manga, but I don't need that trouble, you know? You don't need to force yourself bringing that trouble to me. Or rather, the rumor about me has already spread till Grandile Kingdom, huh, just who the hell spread it?

While grumbling and complaining such a thing, I come to the training ground which is located underground the guild. Leila-chan who said would wait for me is properly there. Even though it would be good if she just got lost somewhere when she was rushing here.

"Ah, you finally come, Kitsune-kun!"

"Yeah, well, I was unable to run away, after all."

"Ahaha, did you think to run away? That's no good you know? To ignore an invitation from a girl."

"The one who would take such invitation even though he knows he would

experience a pain is none other than a pervert. But here I'm a diligent and proper youth, after all."

"But I can't see you as such, though."

Leila-chan says so while cheerfully laughing. Innocent and lively, as if to matching such words, she is chuckling while showing her high canine which is her most attractive trait.

And then, since the conversation seems like ended there, she draws both of short swords at her waist. Rather than a short sword it might slightly closer to a slightly bigger knife, but when I look at Leila-chan who skillfully handles both of it at both of her hands, I immediately understand that those swords are her usual weapon.

"These weapon, I use it to imitate the person I like who was also using it, you see. At first I only used one, but seems like using two is more comfortable for me, you see."

"Ooh, I completely don't care about it."

"What about your weapon, Kitsune-kun?"

"I don't have anything like weapon. Since I can't use it, after all."

When I say so, Leila-chan stares me in wonder and puts back her swords at her waist. She looks a bit disappointed, but she gazes me with an equal interest with it.

“You don’t use, any weapon?”

“I have used it inside the forest once, but it was broken and can’t be used already, after all.”

That sword was broken by one attack from 『Red Night』 and can’t be used again, but tentatively I left it inside my room right now. It’s an article from my former world, after all, so you could say that it’s akin to something like charm.

Nonetheless, when I see Leila-chan grumbles ‘ooh, I see’, I want to stop it here since I feel a bad premonition from her.

After pondering about it for a while, she raises her face with an extremely happy expression.

“Then I also won’t use any weapon! Let’s just fight bare handed!”

Saying so, she prepares her fists. She seems like fired her fists several times midair, but since it was too fast so I couldn’t see it at all. Moreover I could heard a sharp voices where the air was severed. What’s up with that killer punch?

Could it be she is more skilled fight bare handed than using weapon?

“Rather than using weapon, I’m more skilled at fighting bare handed, you see!”

Seems like I was right. come to think of it, C rank adventurers are a forefront

adventurer, so that means there's no way they are unable to fight without weapon, right? If I ask her to teach me, will she accept it? In the name of practice, would I be able to touch various places? Her appearance is good, after all, her appearance.

"Say, Leila-chan."

"What's the matter, Kitsune-kun!"

"At this duel, I don't see any merit for me, though."

Nonetheless, there's no merit for me at this duel. If I take it as it is, I would only suffer a great pain, what a great loss, so in exchange for me accepting this duel, I want something in return if I win but I won't get any punishment if I lose.

When I say so, Leila-chan averts her sight while start thinking about it, before long she makes a decision.

"Then, if you win this duel, I will grant one of anything you wish."

Leila-chan's words are reverberating inside my head. Anything, such word, I clearly heard it. Such beauty is, would grant one of anything I wish? Are you really saying that to a youth like me who is currently at the middle of my puberty period?

I'm burning with motivation.

I stretch my head and legs. Shaking my wrists and ankles, I take a deep

breath. And then, I activate my 『Overpower』 skill. Separately it won't have any great effect, but even so I'll keep my trump card in reserve, since to the bitter 『Eerie Constitution』 is could only be activated when I fight an enemy, after all.

And then, whether Leila-chan feels my overpower, the tips of her mouth slightly inclined. Gripping her fist with her other palm, it makes a *pakipaki* sounds. Her eyes, rather than eyes of someone who is facing a fight, it's as if she is beast that is looking at its prey, and spreading an aura as if she may jump at me anytime soon.

“You seem become slightly motivated, aren't you?”

“Well, yeah, since you said you'll grant anything one of my wish, that's too attractive, after all.”

“By the way, if I win will Kitsune-kun also grant one of my wish?”

“There's no way I'll do so, right? I'll accept this duel, in exchange if I win you'll grant anything one of my wish, with that we get an equal interest, don't we?”

Leila-chan puffs her cheeks while saying eh~. Her pouting expression is also cute, but I won't yield here. In the first place, for an innocent girl like you, you won't know what might happens to you when you said you would grant anything of my wish. Thinking about a bit cruel thing, I can't feel that there's a smile floating at my face.

But, whether she is happy because she would be able to have a duel against me, she returns to her warlike expression. She seems having fun, before

thinking it as cute, I take a vigilance feeling from it instead.

“Then, let’s go!”

Simultaneously with that word, Leila-chan arrives before me in the blink of eye.

—too fast!?

As if to hit my face, she swings her fist from below, but I evade it by somehow bent my body backward.

Perhaps she didn’t thought I’ll be able to evade it, Leial-chan makes a surprised expression for an instant, but she rotates her body midair as it is and performs a roundhouse kick at me. This time I can’t evade it...!

“—ugu...!?”

Its power is so terrific, my body is sent flying. And then I’m blown away to the same direction where her leg was swung to.

I’m not fainted, but by facing the reality that I got blown away two meters from my initial place, that makes me realize that she’s way stronger than me. She has an approximately same height with mine, but her status must be way higher than mine, isn’t it?

Moreover, I feel like she’s still holding back. Even though I’ve put my all already here.

I don't peek at her status because if I do that I feel like I would know just how distant apart our statuses are, but with this much I think her status perhaps is at least ten times than mine.

When I think about such a thing, without I noticed it her fist is already gripping my face. I can't see her movement at all. A speed that I can't feel it to the point I can't take any reaction at all,

So this is~~~ a forefront class (C rank) huh...!

"U—nyaa!!"

"a...guu....!"

Getting my head pressed backward, I try to move my leg backward to regain my balance, but Leila-chan uses her leg to kick it, when I completely thrown midair she smashes my head to the ground.

My conscious is shaking violently, I'm almost fainted but I don't feel any pain perhaps because of the 『Pain Nullification Lv.2』 skill, isn't it?

Letting off her hand that grips my head, Leila-chan looks down at me.

"Even with that you aren't fainted, huh. Normally the duel should be over with that, but as I thought you sure are interesting, Kitsune-kun!"

"Sturdy is my one and only redeeming feature, after all."

When I stand up, she doesn't attack me. Whether she thinks she has the advantage, or perhaps she has a certain plan, but I can't lose my vigilance down.

"Then, I'll come again!"

"...!"

Leila-chan disappears. No, she's just too fast which looks as if she disappears. But if I'm not moving from here then the same thing like before would happen again.

I take some steps back from there, taking a big distance from my former place. And then, in the next instance Leila-chan appears there while swinging her fist.

Looking at her surprised expression, I feel like I have made a little payback at her. But, even if you ask me whether I would be able to do something from here on, it isn't like I'll be able to do anything, though.

If I don't attack then I won't get anything, huh.

"This time... it's my turn."

"Oh?"

This time I'm the one attacking. Rushing from there, I charge toward Leila-

chan's place. I'm indeed excel at my resistance, but aside than my resistance, my agility status also increased quite considerably. Since my strength is too scarce so I can't pull out all of my agility might, but at least my body becomes somewhat easier to move.

Seemingly like she is intending to counter me, Leila-chan doesn't move from her location. And then, before long I reach a distance where our respective fist might reaches each other, in that instant,

Leila-chan's fist arrives at my face.

Together with a thick sound, my head is shaking.

But, I'm able withstand it because I don't feel any pain at all.

"!?"

"Ugu-- aaa!!"

"Wha....!"

Even after receiving a punch, my body keep advancing. My legs which support my body aren't swaying at all, because I don't feel any pain, after all, so my advancing legs aren't slowing down at all.

While keep advancing as it is, I grab Leila-chan's clothes. And then, by using the force of her punch, I pull her body up.

No matter how high their statuses may be, it won't affect their weight nor height, that's why for a single girl, there's no way I'm unable to pull her up!

"O—ryaa!!"

I throw her with the resolution to also collapsed there. The so called, ipponzeoi (one-armed shoulder throw).

"Aha!"

But, just before I throw her, she rolls over above my back. The me who is throwing her with seionage (shoulder throw) lost my balance midair. Because of that, I terrifically collapsed to the ground facing-down. Hearing the sound of Leila-chan's body landing to the ground, I immediately roll my body and facing upward.

But, before I can stand up, she immediately comes and mounting me. Putting her right hand at my stiffened face, she put her other hand at my neck. Each of her movements are too fast....!

This stance may looks as if I get pushed down, but without a doubt she would be able to take my life at this stance. If she takes her knife here, my head would immediately say farewell to my body, isn't it.

"It's my lose...huh."

Withdrawing the strength of my body, I say so in admitting the end of the duel. But, it doesn't end there.

“Ha.... Ha... n....”

Still seizing my neck, her face comes down till before mine. Her expression looks somewhat elated, different from before, her eyes are as if she lost her reasoning and filled with a wild feeling. Her cheeks are dyed in red, her breathing is somewhat erotic.

“Ah, umm... Leila-chan?”

“Ufu... ufufufu.....”

She sticks out her tongue and licks her own lips, just what happens with her? Ignoring my bewilderment, she lift her hand from my neck, and use that hand to touch my cheek as if to caresses it.

In that instant, I feel a chills run at my back, opening my eyes wide, I can't move as if a frog being glared by a snake.

And then, her red and elated face come more closer,

“Umu!?”

And covers my lips with hers.

Chapter 34: Bug

What happened, it was so sudden so I couldn't believe it myself.

The one we encountered at the entrance of the forest was, a girl named Leila Vermilion. From her appearance, it seems like she was at the same age as Kitsune, her height was also approximately same as him, and I also thought that her appearance was cute, her appearance.

It seems like that girl was an outrageously powerful C rank adventurer. Since my level had increased I was somehow able to understand such presence so I immediately understood it, that that girl was strong. She was very strong to the point she won't stopped at just C rank, or so I thought.

That was why, I thought it was strange. That was because to become a C rank adventurer, she was supposed to has fought against hundreds or thousands magical beasts thus far, but both of sword at her waist seem like brand new and had no traces to ever been used even once. There was the possibility that she just purchased a new pair, but even her armor was a brand new, after all. That's why I got an impression that it was just as if she just purchased all of it.

That was why, I totally suspected that girl who was always trying to cling to Kitsune-san. Was she thinking about something strange about Kitsune-san? Or did she intending to do something to Kitsune-san? Or so I thought. Was that a honey trap! What was she intending to do by seduce him that much!

Actually, to got her breast pressed against him, I could see that he was easily and quickly fell for it. His faint smile was unusually grinning, after all. He looked

somewhat excited!

When we were walking, I clapped her hand since she kept clinging at Kitsune-san, she was obstinately won't to let him go but Kitsune-san separated himself from her himself, as expected, I who had spent much more time with him was much more important than her, moreover the one who was allowed to sit at Kitsune-san's shoulder is none other than me, after all! That was my special seat, after all.

When we entered the guild, I finally understood that her objective was Kitsune-san. Seems like the rumor about Kitsune-san's existence had been spread till foreign country. To got his name spread till the Kingdom was as expected of Kitsune-san, or so I thought, but the way she looked at Kitsune-san was very disgusting. I thought that wasn't the way a human looking at other human.

—that was as if, a beast that looking at its prey, a looking down gaze.

The ominous light at her eyes was very disgusting. I was sure she was very like to fight, to the point I thought that she might even like to do a life and death battle. There was no way such very powerful person from Grandile Kingdom would specially came here just to meet Kitsune-san, after all.

That was why I tried to avoid having her fought against Kitsune-san, glossing over a subject was Kitsune-san's special ability, so I thought to try utilizing it too.

But she won't listen to what I said. Without I noticed it, it was already decided that they would had a duel. Why did no one realized it? The dangerous presence deep inside her.

“Finia-chan, I want you to wait here together with Lulu-chan, since I’ll finish it quickly, after all”

Saying so, Kitsune-san went toward where that girl was. Putting me at Lulu-chan’s shoulder, he immediately turned his back at us, but when I looked at his back, I somewhat felt a very bad premonition from it.

“Finia-sama...?”

“Hmm...?”

“What’s up Finia, you don’t seems like your usual self.”

Lulu-chan and Rishe-chan say that to me, but I have no time to answer their query. Folding my arm and nodding, both of them are looking at me with a somewhat worried expression, but leaving aside Lulu-chan, Rishe-chan seems like she doesn’t worried that much. Perhaps, does she trust Kitsune-san’s ability or something?

Come to think of it, Rishe-chan hasn’t ever watched Kitsune-san fought, doesn’t she?

“...yes, as I thought I’ll go and take a look at it myself!”

Worried about Kitsune-san, I flap my wings and floating, and then fly from Lulu-chan’s shoulder. I fly toward the training ground underground the guild. In doing so, I can understand that Lulu-chan comes following me from behind.

Does that girl perhaps worried about Kitsune-san, too? As a family, I'm a bit happy about it.

But, that happy moment is immediately blown away.

That's because...

"Umu!?"

That girl who is pushing down Kitsune-san is, kissing Kitsune-san, after all.



"Ppuhaa..."

My first kiss, I finally tasted a girl's flavor. Yaay, Kitsune.

While thinking about what just happened, I look at that girl's face that is separating from my lips, and then I wipe my own mouth. The mysterious chill that binding me just now has disappeared, but Leial-chan who is still sit atop me is, with her face blushing, she bewitchingly puts her finger at her lips. There's an ominous light dwells at her eyes and somehow I feel like I can see a heart mark at it.

Or rather, what, what just happened? Let's try rewind the time and recollect what have happened.

I met Leila-chan, then guiding her till the guild, then deciding to have a duel, then I took the duel, then I lose, and then she kissed me, yup it was strange. No matter how I think about it, the last one is irrelevant to anything before it. Looking at Leila-chan who is passionately sighing, she looks very erotic, and it's just as if she's at sexual excitement or something, but right now isn't the time to pondering about such a thing.

"Umm, Leila-chan?"

"Ufu, ufufufu....."

"No good, she doesn't listening at all."

Looking at her who just dubiously laughing when I addressed her, to be honest, I'm very scared.

And then,

"Go away from Kitsune-san!!"

That's Finia-chan voice, I feel like hear it from the rear side of Leila-chan. I can't see her because of Leila-chan, but I'm sure she is there. Her tone is, filled with anger that even makes me shudder. There's a strong pressure comes from her body.

“Ahaha, you’re the bug that was always clinging to Kitsune-kun, right?”

“Shut up, just quickly go away from Kitsune-san, you lustful cat.”

Somewhat, that isn’t a peaceful ambiance, isn’t it? Finia-chan’s wording and ambiance are different from usual, when she always bad mouthing me, I can’t feel any ill will from it but right now I can feel a clear prickle from Finia-chan’s word. Filled with anger and irritation, the literal bad mouth, abusive remark.

In the contrary, Leial-chan also referred Finia-chan as bug. Come to think of it, ever since we met this girl, she never gave any reaction to Finia-chan, at all. Even when Finia-chan clapped her hand, she ignored her.

If I rethink about it, she did that because she was disregarding Finia-chan, huh.

Nonetheless, this situation is bad, I must act as the mediator here.

“Leila-chan, why did you kissed me?”

“Ufu, ufufufu.... For me that was a very hopeless thing, before the man I was very interested at, I couldn’t hold it anymore... thus far, my comrade would always stopped me, but... this time it was hopeless.”

“Wait, I don’t understand it, at all.”

“Ah, please be at ease, that was my first kiss, you know?”

“It doesn’t make me at ease at all!!”

Secretly, ah, I slightly feel happy about it. Because, having a girl gives her first kiss for me, of course that would make me happy, she might be a bit too pushy, but I think that a girl that has such pushy side at her also not that bad! Or rather, there’s no men who isn’t happy to be strongly pushed by a beauty, right?

But, anything more than it is off limit. Above all, it makes Finia-chan sad, after all, also, it isn’t like I’m in love with Leila-chan or anything.

“I, my body would become hot whenever I have the person I interested at before me, and it would make me instinctively want to attack him... Kitsune-kun, you are totally my preference, you know? Moreover, even though you were an H rank, you were still conscious to the bitter end even though you had received many of my attacks, the way you look weak but that isn’t the case... it’s so irresistible...!”

Hugging her own body, Leila-chan says so while as if enduring something. Look weak but that isn’t the case... this is that famous gap moe, huh, no no, that’s not it.

Or rather, is that really the case? Because for her, I matched her preference, had a gap moe, and interesting, so she unintentionally got excited at me? Ahaha, seems like Finia-chan’s remark was quite right, she indeed a lustful cat, after all.

“I have no damn care about such a thing... if you don’t want to move then, okay, just don’t move from there.... Since I’ll burn you immediately!”

“Ahaha, since you have come here my interest has diminished, I’ll move away from him.”

“...Finia-chan, I’m alright, so, please don’t be that mad.”

When Leila-chan moves away from atop me, I finally able to see Finia-chan’s angry face. And then I say so to calm her down. I don’t want to see Finia-chan’s angry face, I want her to keep smiling as usual.

And then, Finia-chan flies toward my stomach with a great speed.

“Kitsune-san!”

“Gefu...!”

Thank’s god I can’t feel any pain, receiving an attack-like hug form Finia-chan, the air inside me forced out from my mouth. While wryly smiling, I hug Finia-chan who is burying her face at my body with one hand. She’s small so I hug her gently so that I won’t crush her.

“I somehow got jealous you know, Kitsune-kun, just the two of us, how about we go and grab some food together? Leaving that bug aside.”

Leila-chan says so to me. Perhaps her feeling isn’t a love, it also isn’t a friendship, I can’t feel any good will from it. It’s just, as if a cat that finds something interesting, happy to find something new, interested at something unusual, curiosity, something along those lines, or so I thought.

However, even if that feeling of hers is a love, perhaps I'll similarly turn it down.

"Ah, sorry, eating together with you who called Finia-chan as bug is, would be too unappetizing and I won't be able to bring myself to eat anything, also— if you want to vent out your lust then just do it out there."

At my word, her face floats a blank expression. That's perhaps a bit harsh, but that's my true feeling.

Calling Finia-chan as bug is, I won't forgive her. Even if the one saying it is Rishe-chan nor Lulu-chan, even if she's a peerless beauty, even if he's a king nor a knight leader that hold such great authority, or perhaps even the hero nor god itself, I won't forgive any of them.

Insulting Finia-chan is, similarly means as if insulting Shiori-chan.

"The duel has been over so I'm going home. If you are still calling Finia-chan as bug then don't ever come near me again."

Saying that, I leave that place. I finally notice Lulu-chan who is hiding and looking this way, I release the power and strain at my eyebrows. Calming down my emotion, return to my usual faintly smiling expression. I can't bring myself to scare Lulu-chan, after all.

Looking at my usual faint smile, Lulu-chan looks somewhat relieved. I pat her head, and return to the guild area together. Before I leave that place, I take a glance at Leila-chan and I can see her standing still there while looking

downward to the ground. But, without harboring any guilty feeling, I turn my line of sight away from her.

Chapter 35: Crimson, red, the eyes are shining.

After we arrived at the guild hall, since we've received our request reward already so we immediately returned to the inn as it is.

After dividing the reward into two for me and Rishe-chan, we return to our respective room.

By the way, I already give no damn about Leila-chan, I can't forgive her for calling Finia-chan as bug, but worrying about such a thing too much isn't that good for health. If she wants to properly call Finia-chan by her name then we could reconcile again.

Then, right now it's night already. Just a while more is the time when the majority of people start to sleep.

Lying on the bed, looking at Finia-chan and Lulu-chan who are chatting enjoyably, I start thinking about what have happened and what to do from now on.

Thinking about what would we do from now on, to be honest, if Leila-chan is really a native from Grandile Kingdom, I'll be glad to have her guides us there, but.... Having such a thing happened, I lost my interest to ask her.

Nonetheless, there're Finia-chan and Rishe-chan after all, so it isn't like I want to ask her by all mean or anything, though.

“Kitsune-sama....”

“Hmm, what’s up Lulu-chan?”

“You see, Lulu-chan said her joints are aching... is she alright?”

“Eh?”

That’s a sudden, but Lulu-chan’s state is indeed kinda strange. Floating an anguished expression, she sits on the floor while hugging her own body. It seems it’s hard for her to even say a word... could it be that’s some kind of illness?

In any case, I can’t just let her lying on the floor as it is. Lifting Lulu-chan with both of my hands, I lay her down on the bed. She looks in a great pain, but right now almost all shops are closed already.... Of course doctors are also not the exception. Different than my former world, there’s no shop that opens 24/7 like a convenience store, this damn different world.

For today we have no choice but to just let her quietly lying down on the bed, shit. It hurts me to see Lulu-chan in anguish, but it can’t be helped.

“Kuu....u....!”

Her voice when she endures the pain sounds so painful, she looks very pitiful, but when she really can’t endure it anymore then let’s try utilizing Finia-chan’s recovery magic.

“Lulu-chan.... Sorry but for today, I could only let you quietly sleep here.”

“Uu...yes.....!”

Patting her head, I gently cover her with blanket. Even if I want to nurse her, I have no experience ever nursed nor being nursed by someone. My mother-like existence never nursed me, even when I was sick she would just leave me alone, after all.

That’s why I don’t know how to nurse Lulu-chan. Perhaps I could ask Rishen for help, but she was a fast sleeper so perhaps she’s already sleeping, it also would be hard to ask Ayla-san who is busy tidying the hall. I’m sure it’s painful, but for today I could only ask her to endure it.

“Kitsune-san, is Lulu-chan alright?”

“...I don’t know, let’s take her to a doctor tomorrow. I hope it isn’t a serious illness, though....”

Finia-chan also worriedly looking at Lulu-chan. And then, looking at Lulu-chan who is lying with painful expression, she puts her tiny hands at Lulu-chan’s cheek. And then she touch her face with hers. Somehow, Lulu-chan’s expression looks a bit softened.

It might be just a slight, but if her anguish would be lessened by having Finia-chan besides her, I want Finia-chan to stay together with her.

“Finia-chan, for today please sleep together with her like that.”

“Yes... I got it.”

Finia-chan nods once, and wraps at the same blanket with Lulu-chans. Let's sleep at the chair. Since if I sleep at the bed then it would be very cramped, after all. Sleeping at chair was already a daily occurrence for me. At my former world, my bed was simply a line up of some chairs with zabuton atop it after all.

“Hmm...?”

When I line up the three chairs inside the room and trying to lie down there.... I suddenly feel an uneasy feeling.

Uneasy feeling, perhaps more precisely it's a bad premonition, I feel a presence that makes my skin tingling.

Somehow, it feels like isn't a good presence. Perhaps, after dancing with magical beast and many other danger so much, I can feel it because it's somewhat similar to those, right?

“ ”

That presence is, come from the opposite side of the door.... From a space that just separated by a simple door.... I sense a dangerous smell from it.

“ ”

I don't want to wake Finia-chan nor Lulu-chan up. But it seems like it won't go

away anytime soon, shit... it can't be helped.

Resolving myself, I approach the door. And then, I slowly open the door.

“—...!”

But there's no one there. Without I noticed it the dangerous presence has also disappeared.

When I incline my head and intending to close the door... I notice something. That there's a letter-like thing dropped before the door. When I pick it up, it seems like the sender's name was written at the lower right area of the letter. I can't read it, though.

Closing the door, I open the seal. There's a letter inside it, and there's also something written there. I can't read it, though.

Since I can't read it, what kind of demand and what's the matter written there, I don't understand any of it, but there's something I'm able to read at it. Even if I say so, the only word I can read is, “adventurer guild”, that one and only word. Since it's a same character with the one at the signboard, after all.

So that means, the sender of this letter is... Leila-chan? Since there's no means for Rishe-chan doing something like this after all, and the people related to guild that I know are Mia-chan, the blue haired receptionist girl, grim-san, and also that one who once wooed Mia-chan. Any of them, has no reason to sends a letter to me.

To begin with, rather than using a dull way like leaving a letter, she could just

knocked the door after all, even if that isn't the case, at this period of time, I can't think that Ayla-san was the one who sent it.

"...perhaps it's something like 'come' or so, right? To the guild."

At this hours, the guild is already out of business. The only one still open is that training ground that is open 24/7. Therefore, it's an invitation to come there.

Well that's what I got from my conjecture, but perhaps it's a letter of apologize, though, but going there just to ascertain it is, alright, isn't it?

"...Finia-chan."

"Hmm? ...What's up, Kitsune-san?"

"Please take care of Lulu-chan. If possible, I want you to don't sleep tonight."

"That's fine, but... are you going somewhere? Then I'll also...."

"No, I'm alright... let's see, if I don't return even after the sky is brightening, please go to the guild."

Perhaps, something perhaps might happens, after all. I'm indeed intending to return, but I can't just ignore such probability, right?

Gently caressing Finia-chan's head, who is looking at me worriedly, with my

index finger, I put off and leave my fox mask beside Lulu-chan's pillow. If that 'perhaps' thing really happens, I shouldn't expose it to danger, after all.

I have the option to not going there, but if I do that, I feel like at the next time she might directly rush at this inn, after all. The dangerous presence that I felt outside the door before, I think it sure wasn't something like that, right?

"Well then, I'm going for a bit. I'll leave Lulu-chan to you, okay?"

"...yes, you must properly return, okay?"

"Ahaha, you understand my sturdiness already, don't you? I'm the one who once survived from that 'red night', you know? —So I'll surely return."

Saying so, I leave the room.

And then I leave the inn, when I walk at the street I can't see any other figure aside than me. At this world that has no electricity, the outside sure is very dark that even might make me leak. At most, there's only light come from fire that are used to bright up their house. That's why, when the night come, outside become a very dim street.

A dim and eerie street that even makes me wonder just where does the liveliness at day goes to. Perhaps it might also affect my current mood, but nevertheless, as I thought.... It's an unpleasant air.

".... I hope there's nothing, though."

Since I can't read that letter, if there was no one at the guild when I arrived there, there was also good in a sense. If I let Finia-chan to read the letter, I'm sure she would persist to come along with me, but I shouldn't expose her to danger.

"...I've arrived."

And then, after I walked for a while I finally arrived at the guild. There's no usual hustle from adventurers, there's just a great building with a grave atmosphere, then I enter it.

I resolve myself for a bit, and breathing out as far as I can. There's no use to keep worrying about it. Or rather, I have no concrete proof about it, so let's just take it easy.

While thinking so, I walk toward the underground guild area. While hoping that there's no one there, while praying that there's no danger there, I continuously take a single step.

But, on the contrary with my wish, I can't dispel the unpleasant feeling that is pressing my chest. A bad premonition is greatly rumbling inside my stomach like a whirl.

"...."

And then, when I arrive at the entrance of the training ground, my sight focused at the center of it. At that place, a black haired girl is there. The appearance is somewhat different from Leila-chan, but a black haired girl that might summon me, there's none other than Leila-chan.

I approach her a bit, and call her.

“Leila-chan...?”

When I do so, the girl’s shoulders twitched. And then... she slowly turning back.

Long black hair,

Flaxen eyes,

Amiable smile,

That girl faces toward me, and smiling at me. But, on the contrary my eyes are widely open. That’s because, that girl is a not supposed to be here person, after all. That means, she isn’t an existence that should be here,

After all, such a thing is, no way, why, why are you here...!?

“Shi, ori-chan....?”

“Hay, Kitsune-san!”

That girl is— Shinozaki Shiori is, floating a sunflower-like smile, and greets me the way she always did.



My name is Leila Vermilion, I came from Grandile Kingdom, a C rank adventurer. It wasn't something supposed to be said by myself, but I was strong, very strong. Moreover I was cute. Every men around me were saying so, cute, my hair was pretty, amazing, everyone would praised me that even made me bored to hearing it again and again.

Of course there were also someone who tried to do something bad at me. 'Don't get too cocky' or so they said. But such people were generally would shut up immediately after I screwed them a bit. Since that was a country that prioritizing the strong, my live was quite an easy one, though.

I liked a strong person, I liked an interesting person, I liked the person that could fulfilled my interest and expectation.

It also wasn't something supposed to be said myself, but I was much greedier than average person. Whether it appetite or sleep craving, I want to monopolize all of it, even my sexual desire, I was greedy at everything. If I wanted something then I would do anything to obtain it, if I wanted to do something then I would do it no matter if anyone objected me. Self-conceit, someone gave me such word at Grandile Kingdom, but that was precisely right, I thought this world existed solely to entertain me.

After all, that was indeed the case, right? Since I couldn't live aside 'that way',

after all.

That was why, I fought against many strong persons at Grandile Kingdom. Fight fight fight and fight, killing killing killing and keep killing. Whether it magical beast or demon, I unanimously killed them. After doing that for some time, there was a thought crossed at my mind, that this country is boring. Everyone were weak, after all, when I screwed them for a bit they would immediately gave up, and hung their heads on me. That was so boring, entertain me more, you could do that much, didn't you? Hang on a bit more, do something more, telling a not interesting praise was, I didn't need it.

That's why I decided to left Grandile Kingdom. Since I heard there was a knight leader equaling an A rank adventurer, after all. Moreover going from Grandile till Miniera won't even took three days with my legs. Even if I was just a C rank, my prowess was far above it, after all, if I went on my full speed I was sure I'd be able to ran at a speed that won't be able to be followed by weaklings' eyes.

And then, I kept running ever since I left Grandile Kingdom. As long as I know the direction I'd just need to run at a straight line, so of course I won't ever lost. Even if I had no sense of direction, if I just need to run straight directly then I won't ever lost, after all.

And then when I arrived at a forest near Miniera, I was lost. To tell you the truth, I had a slight different kind of secret from any other human. At day I could pass it without any problem, but at night there would be a great transformation at me, mentally.

My desires would increased further, if I should say it, my appetite and sexual desire would greatly increased. When I vented it out once then I should be able to endured it for some following night, but at the day where my dissatisfaction

and irritation were piled up,

—my desire would go rampaging.

Rampaging inside the forest, I killing any magical beasts I met and ate it raw. That was the extent of my appetite when it went rampage. And then when I ate, there would be a pleasure outbreak than even would made my body trembling.

The feeling of the food when it slid at my throat, the sensation of biting its meat and crushing its bones would brought a great pleasure to my whole body.

And then, on the way, I met him.

—a man that attached a fox mask, and taking along a fairy (bug).

They didn't notice me. I was at their rear, and perhaps they were just amateurs at fighting. Thinking so, I thought that was because my conscious had returned a bit, though.

At that time, I attacked him because of my rampaging appetite. Since human flesh was, way tastier than magical beast or demon's flesh, so I didn't have any reason to not attacking him.

Bug had a scarce meat and it was also bland so I instinctively knocked it down first, and then immediately attacked him. Seeing me he was scared and ran away. That was a natural reaction. But since there was already a prey before me so I couldn't just let it went away, wasn't it? So of course I chased him. In doing so, suddenly fear disappeared from his expression. Furthermore, he gave "fear"

to the me at my rampaging time. And then at that time, my conscious slightly returned.

Interesting, or so I thought. I was interested at him.

That was why, operating the fragment of my consciousness I cornered him. I won't killed him quickly, while expecting he might doing something again, I kept cornering him.

And then, surprisingly, he gave "the me at my rampaging time" an injury, even if it was just a slight one. By chance, coincidence, that's was really just a coincidence but his knife indeed grazed my upper arm. Just a bit, my blood shed. Pounding, my heart was throbbing faster....!

—I was very, excited!!

Without I noticed it I kicked him without holding back. Getting my body hot till my blood might boiling, my desire increased to the point I couldn't endure it anymore! There was something that pressed and strained me inside, my abdomen was throbbing strongly.

My hot body made my breath hot too, my body was throbbing to the point I almost couldn't even stood properly. My mouth was naturally smiling, slovenly opened, droll was overflowing from the depth of my mouth.

I was aware that my face was so red to the point I might even breathed out fire, my worlds was dyed in red.

Aah... no good, this is no good..... I might become hopeless....

—it was a very, good feeling.... A great pleasure...!

He who was kicked was, falling down. With his faint consciousness, he looked at me. He was, looking at me! With just that there was a blitz ran through my whole body. A pleasure I never felt before was attacking my body.

My whole body was delighted! My blood was boiling! But, it felt good...! I couldn't hold it anymore...!

gusha, he fallen to the ground with such sound. Looking at him who wasn't moved, I thought he was dead, but he was still alive. To not die even after fallen from such height, he completely surpassed my expectation. At that time I thought that that was what the so called love. I thought I fallen in love with him.

I approached him, I looked at his face. Unexpectedly it was a cute face. Such part was also matched my preference, even if that wasn't the case, the me at that time would surely saw it as a very lovely face. And then, not just fallen in love with him... I thought I wanted to eat him. This was love, the like feeling, the reason I ate you was, because I loved you, you know?

“What a pretty eyes...! I Like it, I love it, I very like it, I very love it, that's why give it to me. That pretty eyes of yours, gave it to me. No problem, right? Since I love it that much, after all. So no problem, right? Aha.”

At the time such words came out form my mouth, I was sure my consciousness had returned to normal. But that was irrelevant, even if I wasn't at my rampaging time anymore, I couldn't stop myself.

Exhaling a hot breath, I pointed my hand at his eyes, and then thrust it with my finger. Its soft and hot sensation spread from my finger. The eyeball immediately crushed.

Bloods were sprouting out, and spurted at my face. But I didn't think it as a stain, I could feel your soul, my body was wrapped by a great pleasure again.

His body was twitching a bit, he reacted. Unexpectedly, to even hadn't dead even at that state, that was very surprising.

And then I pulled out his eye... then I carefully tasted it. Licking the blood, it felt like there's candy rolling from my tongue till my stomach. And then, a much stronger pleasure than before was spreading at my whole body.

"Hnnnnnn....!!"

Hugging my own body, I desperately endured that pleasure. No good, I aware that my face was slanted, I was sure I made a very slovenly expression. My droll was dripping, it dripped into his eyes that eyeball had disappeared. With just that, pleasure ran through my whole body.

Moreover, his eyeball was throbbing when it rolled at my tongue. I wanted to throb more, more, give me more!

"Nhehe... aha, ahaha, ufufufufu....!"

No good, if I ate you again, I'd became hopeless. I'll became a victim of pleasure. Since only his eyeball was already this tasty, after all, moreover, he was still weak, he was not even stronger than a normal person. The weakest

human. When you became far more stronger, I'll come and eat you again.

Lost my strength, I couldn't walk properly. Unsteadily, I left that place. While rolling around the eyeball inside my mouth, while letting my droll soaking the ground, I walked toward Miniera. Ufu, ufufu, I loved him, he was my first love, I loved him, I very loved him, ufufufu.

And then one week after that, inside the forest while still in anguish of pleasure, ever since the eyeball still at my mouth till it had disappeared I was still lost. And then, then I just randomly walked as usual, I met again with the youth that had a gaping dark red hole at this left eye.

Come to think of it, I hadn't asked his name, huh. Umm, if I remembered it correctly, at that time that bug called you as such, right?

"Could it be you're Kitsune-san! Nice to meet you!"

Kitsune-san, you were called so, right? I was really glad to meet you again, even after got beating by me that much, to floated such faint smile, he surpassed my expectation again. Ufufufu, I was happy, I was happy, such an interesting person, it was my first time met one.

Moreover, I sensed a very tasty fragrant from him. He must had become much stronger than at that time, right? With just your fragrant, my body was pounding already, and my stomach was throbbing. To made it as if we never met before, that was very hard but I did my best, since I wanted you to also know me, after all. Since I wanted you to also tasted me, after all.

I won't ever let him away, after all, the person I liked. My first love, I wanted

to eat him at his full delicacy. You were also happy, weren't you? Since I loved you that much, after all.

Kitsune-san... hmm, I mustn't called you the same way that bug did. Kitsune-kun, I love you.

Chapter 36: Kitsune's rage.

“Shiori-chan... why are you here...?”

No. That girl isn't Shiori-chan. She indeed has the exact appearance of Shiori-chan but if I should say it, it feels like she's a bigger version of Finia-chan.

Finia-chan indeed had a similar appearance as Shiori-chan, but in fact there were also some differences at them. First, their eyes color were different. Shiori-chan had clear blue eyes where Finia-chan had flaxen eyes. Also, Shiori-chan's long black hair was let loose as it is, where Finia-chan's hair was tied into two.

The girl before me has Finia-chan's face with Shiori-chan's hair style. That means, I can clearly say that she isn't Shinozaki Shiori.

“You... who are you?”

To dare showing herself before me with Shiori-chan's appearance, what a cocky fellow. Just who the hell is she? I can't not ask her why she did such a thing, don't I?

And then, erasing her sunflower-like smile, this time she floats an ominous smile. That smile is something that Shiori-chan won't ever float at her face. Seeing that, my eyebrows lowered. She gives me creeps.

“Ufu, ufufu... Kitsune-‘kun’, with this face, you must be would fall in love with

me, don't you?"

Kitsune-kun, she called me so. Ever since I came to this world, the one who would call me so was none other than her.

—Leila Vermilion.

I'm at a bit distance from her, but I take some distances more. Her eerie presence give me chills run through my spine. What's up with this presence, what's up with this existence...!

Right now, the one before me... what's it...?!

"Ufufu, ufufufu... aah, no good.... As I thought, I can't hold it anymore....!"

Muttering so, she hugs her own body and wriggling. I want her to don't do such a thing with Shiori-chan's face, though. To be honest, I have no time to worrying about such a thing. Rather than seeing a mountain of corpses or a cat killed by accident, I think she's way more eerie.

And then, there're 'black miasma' spreading around her. That thing, I've seen it once. That is, similar like at the time I met the most fearsome existence ,for me, at this world....!

But, no way, you're joking, right? that's, impossible, why....!!

—why is "Red Night" here!

"Ufufufu, we finally meet again in the truest meaning, don't we... Kitsune-

kun?”

Her hair color is, changed and dyed in white. And then her eyes are brightly shining red, and then at her mouth, rather than high canine, the one there are seemingly very sharp fangs that are usually used to tears off meat. With blushing cheeks and hot breath, and somehow I feel like I can somehow see heart marks at the center of her eyes that exude an ominous light.

Seeing her using Shiori-chan’s face as such, there’s something swirling inside my chest.

A Dark emotion is swirling inside me. This emotion, I somehow remember it. This is, wrath. One of the seven deadly sins, the emotion of anger.

“I’ve been pondering about what you said after our duel today, you see... like, why did you say such a thing?! And then, I thought perhaps you prefer that bug’s face rather than mine! That’s why I changed it, my face, into that bug’s face! With this you would fall in love with me, don’t you? Because I really love you, after all!”

Again, she says bug. She calls Finia-chan as bug. The anger inside me is, blazing stronger. My fear toward this monster is, it has totally disappeared from me.

“Moreover those filthy dog and pig that together with you, they weren’t suitable to be together with you! They didn’t look tasty at all, they didn’t throb my heart at all! As I thought, you’re supposed to fall in love with me! Right? You understand it, don’t you? The one that really love you ,Kitsune-kun, is none other than me, you know?! I even know the taste of your eyeball, do you think there’s someone who know you more than me?”

The monster before me is, blabbering about something. But, the anger inside me has erased it like some kind of noise.

Enough.

I don't care about what it would blabber again. I'll kill it, I'll absolutely kill it. Inside my mind— there's nothing but anger!!

This woman is my enemy. Not just using Shiori-chan's face, I can't forgive her for insulting them.

Moreover, Lulu-chan is a filthy dog? Rishe-chan is a pig? Just how much you would rouse my anger till you are satisfied? That mouth of yours that only flaps about wrong things, just don't open it anymore.

“Shut up...!!”

Without I notice it, contrary to my anger, I float a faint smile at my face. The “Eerie Constitution” is, activated.

The eyes of the girl before me are, opened wide in surprise, and then she lasciviously smiles. With Shiori-chan's face, don't make such a face. It disgusts me... I'll stop that face of yours immediately.....!!

“It's hard for me, but.... I'll kill you.”

Floating a faint smile, I say so while pointing my finger at her. Low ranker?

High ranker? I don't care about such a thing. No matter how distant apart our prowess are, I won't forgive her.

Till that disgusting smile vanish, even if my fist broken, I'll keep attacking her. Even if I die, I won't ever forgive this woman.

“Ahaha☆, Kitsune-kun want to know my taste? It's okay, I'll let you taste me≡, in exchange, please give me your body? It's fine, right? Because I really love you, after all, so it's okay right? There's no problem, right? That sweeeet taste of yours, give it to me♪.”

Like hell I'll give my body to her, this lustful demon. I've said it before, didn't I?

“If you want to vent up your lust then do it out there.”



That was, the third battle for Kitsune against Leila. At the first two battles, Naginata Kitsune lost against her. Moreover, at both of those battles he might lost his life depending on her whim.

Their differences were too evident. However, why Kitsune lad would fight Leila, who could be said as a monster that was classified as an A rank magical

beast, again? The answer was simple and clear, that was because Naginata Kitsune was only thinking about his one and only close friend, Shinozaki Shiori.

She was the most important existence for him, the existence that he didn't want to ever lost and the existence that he won't ever let anyone to insult at.

A proofed fact, she was the existence that he would absolutely protects—even by putting his own life on the line.

Moreover, Leila changed her face into hers, then she appeared before him, and she even used that face for his sake, he couldn't forgive her for those acts. Moreover, for calling Finia as bug, calling Lulu as filthy dog, for calling Rishe as pig, all of it were roused his anger more.

Finia was his most trusted partner that always protected him ever since he came to this world, Lulu was indeed pulled out from a filthy cage, but she was a girl that was referred by him as his family, Rishe was his benefactor, moreover right now she was one of his comrades.

And she, unanimously insulted them.

Kitsune couldn't hold his anger, there was no way he could.

That was why he fought her. Over and over again, brandishing his fists, he attacked the monster. As if to letting out the anger inside his heart.

“Uoo... guh....!”

“Ahaha☆”

However, reality was a cruel one. None of Kitsune’s fists reached her. On the other hand, there were, god only know, how much attack landed at Kitsune’s body. Without using the knife at her back, Leila played with Kitsune bare handedly similarly like at their duel at daytime before. However, her speed was faster than at daytime, her attacks weren’t something that could be dodged by Kitsune anymore.

Right now, Kitsune’s body was tattered. He didn’t feel any pain, but there were wounds all around his whole body, because each of her attacks was an attack that would inflict a lethal injury, after all.

The reason why Kitsune was still able to stand up there was solely because he couldn’t feel any pain and his high resistance. The fear that was forcefully planted inside her mind by “Eerie Constitution” was, lessening the speed of her attack, moreover his high resistance halved the power of her attack.

“What’s up~? Kitsune-kun, at your limit already?”

He couldn’t feel any pain, but his legs won’t listened to what he ordered it to. Getting his legs kicked aside, Kitsune easily fallen to the ground. And then, the culprit that kicked his feet, Leila, squatted before the fallen Kitsune, grinning and said so.

Her white hair was swaying, her red eyes were brightly shining, and then she smiled with Shinozaki Shiori’s face.

Kitsune had wounds at all around his whole body, but the blaze of anger

inside his heart was, raging powerfully. Raising his arm, he put strength into it to elevate his own body. And then he raised his knee to stand up, but...

“What a shaaame☆.”

Leila treaded him on his back. And then Kitsune’s body was trampled down and fallen to the ground. He put strength into his arms, but the leg above his back won’t let him to stand up.

“Come on, I’m not pushing it at all, you know? I only put one of my leg above you, you know?”

Indeed, she almost put no strength at her leg. At his best condition he should be able to easily stand up.

However, with just the weight of her leg above him, the current Kitsune couldn’t even move an inch. He didn’t feel any pain, but his body was screaming.

“Hu... uguhaaaa!!”

However, Kitsune stood up. Putting all his might into his arms, conversing his anger into power, gritting his teeth, he used up all of his strength just to stand up. Brushing off Leila’s leg, even by staggering, he stood up.

Even if his legs were shaking, he hit it to stop the shake. Because “Eerie Constitution” was still activated, that meant Kitsune’s mind hadn’t collapsed.

“Ahaha! You stand up again, amazing! You’re amazing, Kitsune-kun! As I thought you’re amazing!”

Even though her opponent just stood up, looking at Leila who was so delighted by that, the anger inside Kitsune was raging more violently.

Without he noticed it, he floated a faint smile. Even after receiving that much attacks, he was still smiling.

—You’re still able to do it don’t you? Me....!

Kitsune cheered up himself, and then gazed forward while still floating a daring smile. The delighted monster was, looking at such Kitsune she floated a more eerie smile.

“And then, what are you going to do? Are you going to do something?”

“...ah, let’s see... for now, I’ll just hit that disgusting face of yours....”

“Hmm... then, fine by me! For the sake of my beloved Kitsune-kun, I’ll let you hit me! Here!”

And then, she stuck out her face so that it would be easier for Kitsune to hit it. Kitsune too, he floated a surprised expression for an instant at her act, but if she expressly let herself to got hit by him then there was no reason to held back.

To begin with, he already had no spare energy anymore, Kitsune clenched his

fist, and unsteadily brandished it.

“Ufufu, I’ll get a hit from Kitsune-kun... Ufufu....!”

Leila said something but, Kitsune didn’t pay any mind into it and solely focused into putting his strength into his fist.

“Aaa....! Haa.... Haa.....! Aa, aaaaaaaa!!”

He swung his brandished fist.

However, at the time he swung it he noticed something. That his fist, would broken.

buchi buchi, there were sounds where the muscle of his arm snapped. *Goki goki*, there were a sound as if there was something broken. His nerves were worn out, his veins were rupturing. And then, at the moment his fist landed at Leila’s face, his fist broken, at that very moment his right arm was over.

With just having Kitsune’s blood plastered at her face, Leila received no damage. His right arm, became nothing but just a loosely and feebly swayed lump of meat.

On the contrary, Leila licked his blood at her own cheek, and she floated an ecstasy expression. As if she was intoxicated by the pleasure that was spreading through her whole body.

“Wha....”

“Ufufu, ufufufu... Kitsune-kun, you hit me while making sure that it won't hurt me, right? Ahaha, I'm very happy, I'm really happy, you know, it even makes me shiver...!”

Understanding that he was completely unable to feel the sensation of his right arm, Kitsune covered his eyebrows. However, he was still not gave up. If his right arm was impossible then he just need to use his left arm.

However, right now, without he could even brandished it, his left arm also fallen. The weight from both of his arms became a direct burden for his body and made his upper body slouched forward. However, he put strength into his legs so that he won't collapsed, Kitsune didn't collapsed.

“Hmm? Kitsune-kun, at your limit already? You can't move both of your arms? So pitiful...”

“....!”

Looking at Kitsune's arms that loosely swayed, Leila came approaching him. She had no intention to attack him. She had no intention to kill him. To begin with, she didn't consider him as an enemy. Understand that, Kitsune grinded his teeth.

And then, Leila who came till before Kitsune, she raised both of Kitsune's arms. And then, she started licking his blood stained arms as if licking an ice cream.

“Chu... nhaa... ahahaa, *lick*....≡”

“Stop it....!”

“So tasty, it’s so tasty ≡....ahaha, I feel like my mind is melting...!!”

Even if he couldn’t feel the sensation from both of his arms, but having his body got licked by his enemy was a great humiliation for him. Moreover, she did that with Shinozaki Shiori’s face, for Kitsune, who knew what kind of person she was, he wanted to stop it immediately. Looking at Shiori’s appearance doing such a thing, it was unbearable for him.

“I... said... stop... it!!”

“Ahn♪.”

Kitsune moved her legs, took a distance from Leila and got his arms released. It was a relief that he couldn’t feel that sensation of his saliva covered arms, but the fact the enemy before him was already became his natural enemy was, it became his self-evident truth.

Concealing his faint smile, Kitsune floated a disgusted expression. His legs were shaking violently. To just stood up, perhaps he couldn’t endured it anytime longer.

“Kitsune-kun, you’re almost unable to even stand up, don’t you? Ufufu, if you collapsed then it would be my win, right? ... don’t worry, this time I’ll eat you with full of love≡, from your finger tip till your whole body, everything are mine, aren’t it?”

However, if he collapsed here then he would die. What should he do? What should he do to survive here? What should he do to bring down the enemy before him with one shot? Kitsune was pondering, thinking and thinking, he desperately thought about a plan to overcome this situation.

Leila was waiting for Kitsune to collapse.

Without laying a hand, she just, waited there.

Slowly, if he accepted his lost here, he would be tortured to death.

—that's why it would become a great chance.....!

Kitsune pinned his shaking legs, and his thought about dying there was, disappeared.

Chapter 37: Choosing Death

Including 『Red Night』, an existence called demon was just slightly different from the general magical beasts. With a body similar like human, but it was composed by magical beast's flesh, and its status was sky high, at an extent that couldn't be attained no matter how great talent a human had.

But, among them there was existed a more special demon. That was, “noble demon” that contained 『Red Night』. It was read similarly as noble demon, but the first one was called as “unique demon”, a title for a special demon.

And here was where 『Red Night』 belong to.

The current 『Red Night』, the Leila Vermilion name that was used to refer herself as, it wasn't her real name. No, it was indeed her real name, but the girl with such name that transformed into 『Red Night』 was already gone. The soul of the girl with real name Leila Vermilion was already gone from this world, after all.

『Red Night』 was a “Demonic disease”. Its real body was a virus which was referred as black miasma by Kitsune, where the body of the girl named Leila Vermilion was a genuine, human flesh.

To sum it up, rather than a name of a demon, 『Red Night』 would be more precisely was a name of a disease.

That was the true identity of 『Red Night』.

Any human that was infected by it, got their souls destroyed, and their body would be transformed into that of demon. And then, any desires they possessed would greatly increase, and they would become a monster that attacking human.

Leila's case was a good example of it, any human that was infected by 『Red Night』, once they tasted the tastiness of human flesh, they would attain a great pleasure whenever they ate raw meat. Furthermore, those desires greatly increased at night. That was why it was referred as nocturnal demon.

Also, not just the virus was hidden inside its human flesh, no one ever saw what happened inside its flesh— that meant, even if the inside of the flesh was transformed, no one would notice it.

Even if its body was one of demon, it was formerly human's flesh, so its life span would be similar as a human. When the human's body was dead, the 『Red Night』 virus would come out and infecting another human again.

That was why, this demon was strong, so strong to the point even demon lord couldn't defeat it. As a virus, at a world where medical treatment was by far inferior compared to the world where Kitsune come from, 『Red Night』 was invincible.

—not just it was unknown, even if there was someone that know about it, there was no one that could deal with it, after all.

But, this time Leila Vermilion was slightly different.

There was a transformation at the virus itself. Its nature and power weren't that different from the『Red Night』up until now, but with a high aptitude of the girl named Leila for『Red Night』virus, also the existence of Kitsune that could fulfill her great and overflowing desire, 『Red Night』achieved a transformation it never had thus far.

Because of that, with Leila's body as the base,『Red Night』transformed into a full fledged demon.

Not a human that was infected by virus and rampaging like a demon, anymore.

But, it became a demon that manipulating virus.

Its danger was— exceeding natural calamity class of A rank, and stepping up into world destruction class of S rank.

That was a matter of course, manipulating virus.... That meant, 『Red Night』that could only infected one body thus far, now it could mass produced itself and infecting anyone around the world, after all.

You understand it, don't you? The extent of its danger. If it had the intention to infected anyone around the world, it would increase its kind, the existence that could dye the world in red, the existence that could transform anyone into an A rank demon, that was how dangerous it was.

And then, right now, the sole existence that could deter that possibility from reality was none other than Naginata Kitsune, the one that could satisfy her desire.

Since she was only focusing at him, she was still a monster with only one body. Because she was yearning for him, she still contained the danger inside her.

Then, if by any chance Kitsune got killed by her,

At the next instance— the world would be, over.

Kitsune that had wounds all over his body, and Leila (Red Night) that floated a mad smile. The countdown of the end of the world was started here.



—what should I do, I wonder....

The lustful Leila-chan before me, even though it's just around a week ever since I came to this world, why does this monster so persistent about aiming at me? Ah, it really sucks. I also haven't found any good plan to overcome it, after all, what should I do.... For now, let's check her status.

“...sta...tus...”

The status of the monster before me is floating inside my mind.

◇Status◇

Name : Red Night

Gender : Female Lv. 1

Race : Noble Demon of Virus

Strength : 25200

Stamina : 38400

Resistance : 850

Agility : 26560

Magical energy : 19820

Title :『Red Night』 『Noble Demon of Virus』

Skill : 『Sword Art Lv.6』 『Body Strengthening Lv.5』

『Miasma(Virus) Manipulation Lv.8』

『Magic Manipulation Lv.3』 『Intoxication』

『Lewd Soul』 『Devastation』 『Brawl of Berserk』

Innate skill : 『Miasma Manipulation』 『Lewd Soul』



That status sure is that of a monster.... Isn't it way higher than that uncle's... perhaps around five times of his? If demon lord is also at this level,ahaha... it's indeed impossible. There's no way I could defeat such fellow.

Moreover, from the sword art skill she possessed, perhaps she adopted it from the technique that was used by human, didn't she? I can also see monster like component in that aspect... also, demon that manipulating virus... that miasma, huh.

That means, is 『Red Night』 some kind of disease? An infecting one? The hell it that, is it aiming for pandemic or anything? Doesn't that mean it has the ability to multiple itself as much as it pleased? Such a thing... what should I do to defeat it?

“Ha, hahaha....!”

“N, nnn? What's the matter, Kitsune-kun? Already give up? Can't hold it anymore?! Going to collapse!?”

Don't be at high spirited like that, you damn monster. Because your lust is too high, the miasma around you is swaying disgustingly, you know? Calm it down. Also, I'm not giving up.

“No, no.... I'm not giving up, yet... that face of yours, I haven't hit it, after all.”

“Muu... that's why I told you that it's okay even if you want to hit me or anything, didn't I? Moreover, isn't it impossible with that arm?”

I'm sure of it, already. She sure is fond of me, but that isn't love, it's just as if she found something tasty, as if she got captivated by something interesting, as if she obtained a new toy, as if she got attracted by something new, isn't it? Such a thing is, I couldn't call it as love.

“Say, Leila-chan....”

“Nnn... ahaa... you call my name≡... what's up? Kitsune-kun♪?”

“Let’s have... a little, chat.”

“Eh? Just now, what did you say? Chat? Ahaa☆, I’m really happy! That’s right, to loving each other we must know each other first, right!”

For a rotten one, don’t say such pure love-like word, even though you’re just a cannibal that only love at love.

But, that’s convenient for me since it might become my way to overcome this situation. Soon, I’m at my limit to just stand up, after all. Let’s have a chat while sit. Even if it’s out of my expectation, I can’t win against you... that’s why, with this chat... I’ll have you to “spare” me. If that’s impossible than, well, let’s think about it when it really happens.

I’ve promised, after all, to Shiori-chan. I’ve promised, after all, to Finia-chan.

That we’ll go to amusement park together, that I’ll return safely.

“Then... where should we start?”

When I sit down, she comes sit next to me and then clings at me. I can hear the sound of her sniffing at me. That’s really irritating, but I have to bear with it.

—this is my critical moment!! ...hey, don’t lick my arm.

Perhaps because I made a prefix to have a chat with her, she doesn’t eat my body. Or rather, with just licking it she already makes such ecstasy expression.

To be honest she makes a very erotic face, but for the current me it's a wonderfully irritating face. I never thought I'll be this angry at Shiori-chan's face. This girl sure is irritating. I hope she'd die at this instant.

"Say, what kind of girl you prefer, Kitsune-kun? I'll do my best. So that you'd fall in love with me, I'll try my hardest."

"Any girl other than you."

"....."

Ah... unintentionally, I said it. Doesn't it mean I'm going to die? I feel like just treaded on a land mine. She has quite a warped food preference, but her feeling is a real deal, something akin to yandere.

If she's just a normal yandere, when I reject her then it would end with just I get a stab from my back, but for such screwed girl, if I reject her it's already a matter of course that I'll die.

Timidly, I take a glance at her. In doing so, I can see that her body is quivering while tightly gripping my gakuran. She hung her head down so I can't see her face. I think she's angry. Perhaps I should apologize here.

"Ku... fu...fu....!"

"Leila-chan...?"

"Hnn...! That's not good, you know... it makes me burning, after all....≡"

What, then just go get burn out and disappear as it is. Seems like her lust is rampaging just by having me calling her name. Or rather, just how much you love me? It's too heavy that it might even crush me.

Eh, wait... if I remember it correctly, when I checked her status just now, there was a skill that bothered me.

—『Lewd Soul』.

Perhaps she becomes like that because of it. Also, I feel like there was also a skill named 『Intoxication』.

If my guess is right, perhaps this 『Intoxication』skill manifested because of her great attachment toward me, didn't it? Does that mean she is intoxicated at me? Uwah, what a very troublesome thing.

Also, perhaps 『Lewd Soul』 is the one that makes her in great pleasure whenever she touches or licks me, and whenever I call her name, right? A skill that transform mental pleasure into body pleasure, or something along that line?

To put it bluntly— isn't she nothing but a lustful demon!

That means her nature is worse than a yandere. Even though I clearly rejected her, didn't it unnecessarily makes her fall in love deeper with me? Since she even said that it was okay for me to hit her, so I'm sure even if I hit or kick her, it would only unnecessarily make her love me more. Even if I spite an abusive remark at her, it would only unnecessarily makes her fall in love at me more. If

it's Finia-chan, her face would immediately changed whenever I approached a girl, after all. Is there no hate option inside her mind?

If I rethink about it properly, having an S rank statuses, being able to turn this world into biohazard, a cannibal, in such lustful state because of she loves me so much, no matter what I do it won't make her hates me, and currently she wants to eat me with full of love, huh.

"...Leila-chan."

"Ahnnn....!"

"How troublesome... geez."

"Haahaa... what's it?"

"...I... want you to, not eat me, though...."

"Ya~≡"

Having a too great pleasure, does she regress into that of an infant? When we first met, Leila-chan was indeed quite an innocent one but she was still able to hold a proper conversation, I feel like that scene happened a long time ago already.

She wants to eat me no matter what, huh. Well then... what should I do... whether it my body or energy, all of it are already at its limit, after all.

Perhaps it's already impossible for me to run away from this girl. I'm sure she would follow me even to the deepest hell. Even if I somehow manage to escape from her today, in the next instant the world would be filled by 『Red Night』. Either way I'd die.

“...why...do you like me?”

“Ehehe, that's because you could satisfy my desire, after all, Kitsune-kun, and because you'd always exceed my expectation so I couldn't get bored with you.”

Not good, this girl doesn't just like some parts of me. She likes me as a whole. Even just for being alive, it would increase her affection toward me. Path to escape is... none.

The only possibility is to wait for Finia-chan to come here, but I can't imagine she would abandon Lulu-chan and comes here. There are still at least four hours till the sky brighten, how sucks.... Moreover, because I've lost too much blood, my mind is starting grow hazy.

Looking up at the sky, I somehow feel that I don't care about it anymore. I can't focusing my thought, I can't think about anything. Looking at her that is currently licking my arm, I realize that I only have one option left.

“...Ah~... then, whatever.”

“Eh?”

“Leila-chan... it's okay if you stay together with me... it's okay if you lick me as much as you want... I don't care about it anymore.”

My eyelids are dropping, my body is swaying. Not good, I can't muster up any strength from my body.... I'm falling. Perhaps I won't open my eyes again, right? When I collapsed here, I'm sure she would mince and ate my whole body. The fact that I can't feel any pain is most likely the one and only good part here.

Aah, such a monster... there's no way I'd be able to deal with it, don't I....?

Inside my dim consciousness, I can see Leila-chan floats a smile of joy.

But, at the next instant, as if I got my switch turned off, I collapsed.

Chapter 38: Overcoming Death.

Name : Naginata Kitsune

Gender : Male Lv. 10 (↑ UP 4)

Strength : 40

Stamina : 180

Resistance : 350

Agility : 210

Magic Power : 100

Title :『Other worlder』

Skill : 『Pain Nullification Lv.2』 『Eerie Constitution』

『Other World Language』 『Status Appraisal』

『Persistence』 『Overpower』

『Near Death Experience』

Innate skill : ???

PT Member : Finia (Fairy), Lulu (Beastman), Trisha (Human)

It was quiet.

The sky was dark, there was no one around. At the dim underground guild, Naginata Kitsune collapsed in dying state, and Leila Vermilion was overlooking him from the side.

Having an ecstasy expression, Leila put both of her hands at her face while spilling out droll and having heart marks at her eyes. Her cheeks were blushing, as if in a great pain, her eyebrows drawn a ha (/\) character. Perhaps, any men that saw that expression of her would though as such, 'she's in lustful state'. And then, the majority of those men would think as such, 'I want to assault her'. That was just how glamorous and fascinating the appearance she had.

However, that was the thought of those who didn't anything know about her. Right now she was an S rank monster, a genuine monster that could dye the whole world in red.

『Red Night』, demon that manipulating Miasma (Virus), that was her true identity.

Leila was looking at the collapsed Kitsune, then she manipulated the miasma around her as if to coiling it around her. And then, her face that was one of Shinozaki Shiori... the face that once similar like Finia's, returned into that of Leila Vermilion's face. With her hair still white colored and making an ecstasy expression, that was the true appearance of the『Red Night』.

“Ufu, ufufufu... I see≡, kyaa, Kitune-kun have entrusted his everything to me...
♪”

The one she recalled was, Kitsune's word at the brink of him lost his consciousness.

“Leila-chan... it's okay if you want to live together with me... it's okay if you want to lick me as much as you want... I don't care about it anymore.”

Giving up every things, that was the word of him admitting his defeat against Leila. No matter how much he struggled, there was nothing he could do anymore, he also couldn't expect for a reinforcement, it was a hopeless situation to survive, moreover at dying state and barely able to hold his consciousness, Kitsune already gave his life up.

The only thing he could spit at such state was, such word. A genuine defeat declaration. Leila took it as a love confession and was delighted. That Kitsune was entrusting his everything to her, or so she thought. She floated a smile of joy, a great joy as if there was nothing more pleasurable than it.

“Ufufu, well then, I’ll do my best to eat you with full full full full of love≡.”

And then Leila did an all four atop the collapsed Kitsune. Similarly like at the conclusion time of their battle at the day, it was a redo of the state where Leila was pushing down Kitsune.

At that time Leila was only kissed Kitsune, but right now was different. The genuine and real her was... a monster that would eat Kitsune without leaving any piece of him.

While caressing Kitsune’s cheek, as if caressing her most beloved one, as if caressing her beloved lover, Leila kissed the collapsed Kitsune. Kitsune’s bloodstained mouth was violated by her tongue, and after several second in doing so, an obscene sound of water resounded among them.

And then Leila separated her face from kitsune’s to took a breath, and there was a somewhat reddened saliva that stretched out and connected from their mouths.

And then, because she just had a kiss, Leila’s body was quivering and she breathed out a more intense breath. After that, she turned her attention into his gakuran and carefully took it off. After that, after got his T shirt been taken off too, his upper half was in nude.

And then, returning her miasma made dress she wore into miasma again, she also had her upper half in nude. Her lower part was covered by a white underwear, her white skin blushed in red because of how high her ecstasy was, moreover with her lustful expression, it made her very fascinating.

She put her own body atop Kitsune's chest, and then she listened to Kitsune's heartbeat. Because he'd lost so much blood, his body temperature was dropping, but when she felt his body temperature with her own body, it made her body hotter.

"Ehehe... I can feel you, Kitsune-kun≡. You become way more tastier than before... I can't get bored of you at all... *hmm... Chiyuu....*"

Licking Kitsune from his chest till his nape, Leila thoroughly tasted Kitsune. And then, separating herself from Kitsune's upper half, she sit atop him and overlooking him from there. Getting his own finger got licked, Kitsune floated a somewhat unpleasant smile.

"Well then... which part should I start with, I wonder?... as I thought, his eye? Or perhaps ear? His legs are also attractive, but, well, for now... for starter how about I take you heart first?♪"

And then, putting away her blood stained hand from Kitsune's saliva stained hand, she traced her finger at Kitsne's chest and put it atop his beating heart. And then, when she put strength into her nail to tore off his flesh—

"!?"

—at that instant Leila jumped away from atop Kitsune.

Her red eyes were opened wide to its limit and she made a bewildered expression. Getting her till not too long ago hot and burning blood calmed down, her blushed red face was returning to its white state with cold sweat is

flowing at it.

What happened? Even Leila didn't know it. It was just, Leila's instinct as a demon told her such,

A warn of fear.

Looking at Kitsune that lost conscious and supposed to not moving again, Leila racked her head to thought about what happened. But her bewildered thought stopped in an instant.

And then, Kitsune's body slightly moved.

Leila was surprised, that was because Kitsune should be at his limit already. His body was broken to its utmost limit, he should be unable to even just moving his body. However, starting by that slight movement, his body started moving. Rubbing the ground, setting up his feet, slowly, he raised his body up, and finally stood up. At such impossible spectacle, Leila couldn't understand it.

"Why... are you standing up...!?"

Thus far he had exceeded her expectation many times already, but this time it was way too unthinkable.

"...."

Kitsune hung his head so she couldn't peek at his face. However, Leila understood it, that "Eerie Constitution" was activated. That was because she

felt fear at Kitsune, after all. But, the extent was greatly different with the fear thus far. She was full in lust just a moment ago, but right now she could only feel fear.

What on earth is this?

“Kitsune-kun... you... what did you do...!?”

Leila said so, while glaring at Kitsune.



Skill was, even when you had the ability to identify it, it didn't necessarily mean you'd be able to activate the skill at its full potential. Especially, passive skills such as “Eerie Constitution” and “Overpower”. There were many skills that its effect could be understood just by its name, but “Eerie Constitution” wasn't the case, to the point even Kitsune couldn't understand the true nature of this skill. No, even right now he still didn't understand the effect of this skill.

“Eerie Constitution” was, not a skill that transformed the impression of you in your opponent mind into that of fear— but a skill that “transformed you into the most fearsome existence”.

Not just he didn't aware of that, Kitsune even couldn't handle this skill

properly.

Not just the skill was related to his state of mind, if the holder was weak then the effect of “Overpower” would be halved, there was also the case where “Eerie Constitution” won’t be activated when Kitsune was hesitated toward his opponent.

That meant, not just he thought that it was a skill that transform the impression of his into that of fear, he even couldn’t properly activated “Eerie Constitution” up to that effect. In truth, as long as he was stronger mentally, even if it was an S rank monster, with this skill he should be able to give them a fear that even would made them wanted to run away.

But, Kitsune just instinctively aware of it. As the owner of the skill, he subconsciously aware about the effect of the skill he possessed. That was the reason why he was still able to take out some effect out of it even without aware of its true nature, but if he fully aware of it, he would be able to exhibit a far greater effect than currently.

However, since his reasoning and awareness was blown away altogether by Leila, he unconsciously moved 100% out of instinct.

That meant, the “Eerie Constitution” that was activated at his unconscious state, it could exhibit its effect to its fullest—!

“Kitsune-kun... but, why are you moving...?”

Leila noticed that Kitsune was unconscious. Not just it was one of his skill, it also could be easily understood that the fear that embraced her right now was

because of the effect of his skill.

However, that much won't become a reason why he was moving. The unconscious activation of "Eerie Constitution" wasn't something impossible. It could be understood if he didn't admit his defeat against Leila at the brink of his collapse.

Then, why? Why did he move?

The reason was, it was strangely enough because of her own action.

Kitsune's first encounter with 『Red Night』, something that happened after he lost his left eye. After his fight against the A rank 『Red Night』, actually he obtained a certain skill. A sole skill that never exhibited its effect nor ever been activated by him.

—“Near Death Experience”.

What kind of skill it was, it was a mysterious skill that even Kitsune didn't understand it at all, but here and right now, it was activated.

This skill, Kitsune had died once, and he obtained this skill at his second dying experience, a very rare skill that at this world he was the only one that possessed it.

The condition of its activation was, when he fell into a verge of death state. That meant it won't be activated unless he was at an almost dying state.

And then its effect was, it was a skill to prevent its owner from dying. So that the owner won't die, to defend its owner from any threat that might killed him, it made a certain change at its owner's status.

"...I see, so that was the case."

There, Kitsune regain his consciousness. The fear that attacked Leila was lessening, "Eerie Constitution" effect was halved because of he regained his awareness. However, the "Near-death Experience" was still in effect. Kitsune was finally able to fully understand the true nature of this skill.

"...Kitsune-kun."

"Status...."

Ignoring Leila that was calling his name, Kitsune checked his own status.

◇Status◇

Name : Naginata Kitsune

Gender : Male Lv. 10

Strength : 40

Stamina : 180

Resistance : 50400/350

Agility : 210

Magic Power : 100

Activated Skill : 『Near Death Experience』

Title : 『Other worlder』

Skill : 『Pain Nullification Lv.4 (↑2UP)』

『Eerie Constitution』 『Other World Language』

『Status Appraisal』 『Persistence』 『Overpower』

『Near Death Experience』

Innate skill : ???

PT Member : Finia (Fairy), Lulu (Beastman), Trisha (Human)



As you could see, the resistance status increased abnormally. Even when it was originally only just 350, it became the highest value he ever saw thus far. Resistance-wise, the current Kitsune was equaling an S rank—!!

“I see, this is a good gem I got back then... seems like there’s not only bad things that happened whenever I met you.”

Inside Kitsune’s staggering body, energy started flowing. Kitsune floated a faint smile, moving his supposed to break arm, and point his index finger toward Leila. Kitsune’s body had completely recovered.

Leila couldn’t understand that spectacle at all. She only opened her eyes wide in surprise and bewilderment.

“What a strange thing, by the skill that I obtained from almost dying by you, I was rescued from the situation where I was almost got killed by you.”

“Near-death experience”. Its effect was, to change its owner resistance status into the double of his opponent’s attack power. This time, 『Red Night』’s strength that became her main offensive power was at 25200, that was why in

exchange he got 50400 status in his resistance status.

And then, that resistance status, not just increasing his defense ability, it also had an effect to increase self-recovery. That meant, the current Kitsune had a defensive and recovery ability that of an S rank.

Right, that was... an ability that was able to defend against an attack that could destroy the world, and could recover himself into his fullest state just within several seconds.

“It’s quite unpleasant since it feels as if I’m borrowing your strength, but... I don’t care about it! My power is my power, after all!”

And then, even if it was just for temporary, Kitsune was very confident because he had obtained a power that could defend against Leila’s attacks. He became very strong. The tips of his mouth raised and lightly smiling.

“Wait, aren’t I half naked... I even somewhat wet... good grief.”

Muttering so, he put the dropped T-shirt and gakuran on again. And then, he looked toward Leila.

“Then? Aren’t you become quite docile there? Didn’t you love me very much?”

“....aha... sorry, Kitsune-kun... seems like I didn’t love you... I only interested in you as something tasty, that’s all.”

“You finally understood it, huh. What you said just now was totally right. Fell love in love, misunderstood it, saying you loved someone that you didn’t even love, unnaturally in lust, muttering such screwed yet idiotic love, you finally understood just how strayed you was. Even as an S rank monster, you weren’t something that much, you were nothing but an idiot in lust, after all.”

Leila that had faced the true face of Kitsune’s “Eerie Constitution” was, still unable to fully understand anything except one thing, that was that her interest toward Kitsune wasn’t love. That was because, the instant she tasted that fear, she lost all of her interest toward Kitsune, after all.

Listening to Kitsune’s words, she thought that he was right. Till just a moment ago she was an idiot. Just an idiot that misunderstood about love.

Kitsune sighed when he looked at Leila that hung her head down. He thought that he finally would be able to separate himself from this monster. In reality, she didn’t fall in love in him anymore, after all, and the current him also would be able to defend any of her attacks. The situation was reserved.

However,

“Ufu, ufufufu... but, but but, I realized it♪.”

“Eh?”

“This time, I really fall in love with you, Kitsune-kun≡. It’s my first time meeting someone as interesting as you! To never betraying my expectation this much, it makes me turned on....!”

Leila was, started having an affection toward Kitsune again.

Up until now she was just like a beast that was aiming at its prey, but right now she was aiming at him not just as a prey but also as a man. Exceeding her expectation, exceeding his limit, and then showing her ;an S rank existence; that she was nothing but a fool, she couldn't hold herself back to not falling in love with Kitsune.

She loved him so much to the point it would be okay even if she didn't eat him.

“No no, wait, that's not the right way, isn't it? Here, you're supposed to just give up, right?”

“Ufufu, ufufufufu... but you said it, right, Kitsune-kun? You said it, I'm sure you said it, you definitely said it, didn't you? Were you lying? You weren't, right? Because I really love you, after all!”

Kitsune recalled it. That he did say that.

“From here on, we'd always and always together♪. This time I'd definitely make you realize just how big my love is≡. I'll let you taste me≡. That's why, give me your every things.”

Her cheeks are blushing again, breathing out an intense breath, having heart marks floated at her eyes, while hugging her quivering body, 『Red Night』— Leila Vermilion said so.

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For temporary, I who perhaps currently have the strongest defensive ability in the world, and Leila-chan who has the strongest infection ability in the world, there's a spark of a different atmosphere that are clashed between us, one side wants to hold the other, where the other side wants to escape from the other one.

To be honest, right now, it could be said that we have a great affinity, but it also could be said that we have a bad affinity.

That's because, all of her attacks couldn't hurt me at all, and all of my attacks couldn't reach her at all. Since right now all of our attacks couldn't be considered as a threat for both of us, this battle reaches a deadlock state where I can't see where the end point is.

Even so, she wants my every things, and I want to stay away from her.

With such reversed intention, as expected I have to find a compromise for it by all means. Right now, at a state where we have an equal strength, the only weapon we can use to win is... 'word'.

"Leila-chan."

"Ufufu, what's it?"

"Let's have a chat."

"Again? Ufufu, but I don't mind♪. Since right now my attack couldn't hurt you, so there's nothing we can do but it, right? ≡"

At my suggestion, she obediently accepts it. Seems like different from before, she loves me so much, she still has that lustful expression, but she's still able to think logically. She has become a splendidly bothersome person. Her mental state is gradually growth into one of an S rank, moreover at a rapid pace. I'm sure that my very existence has become a great influence for her mental growth, right? For me that is a bad influence, though.

Manipulating the misty and swaying jet-black miasma around her, she skillfully produces a black bench using it. Seems like that miasma can be

transformed into various objects. Even I'm sure that she imitates shiori-chan's face by putting that miasma at her face, doesn't she? That means, its color could also be changed, huh. So she can transform into anything, huh, how envious.

"Come on, Kitsune-kun, hurry up and sit here♪."

"...then, excuse me."

Leila-chan who sits at the middle of the bench is patting the space next to her. Previously she came and sat next to me so I'm sure no matter where I sit she would come and cling to me again, right? That's why I just give up and obediently sit next to her.

In doing so, she clings at me with a very happy expression. And just as I expected, she rubs her face against my arm and also sniffs my smell, and then, she takes and starts licking my arm. Didn't just now we said to have a chat?

"Please stop it."

"Ah...."

When I take my hand away and told her to stop licking it, she let out a very disappointed voice with her eyebrows makes a ha (/ \) character. We don't sit here to do such a thing, you know? Please go and check what 'chat' means.

"Say, Leila-chan, I want to go home soon, you see."

"Ah, then, are we going to continue it at your room?"

"You're intending to follow me, huh."

"You were the one that said that I can be together with you, after all."

Dammit, the thing I said back then, when I almost collapsed, is backfiring me now. Come to think of it, I think I said something along 'you can lick me as much as you want', didn't I?.... isn't that bad? The conditions completely put me at disadvantage. I need to do something about those promises. Seems like it's a great thing that I proposed to have a chat, at this rate she might keep following me anywhere using these promises as premises. How troublesome.

"...come to think of it, Leila-chan. I'll say it once again, but, could you please stop trying to eat me?"

“Hmm~... if you let me lick you anytime and as much as I pleased then, I’m fine with it.”

“Eh, really?”

How unexpected! She accept my request, she said!?

But, wait, what the hell is licking anytime and as much as she pleased? But, if I don’t take it here, I feel like she would keep pestering me using my own words as premise. Or rather, isn’t that means she’d be always together with me, right? I’m a bit reluctant of it, moreover she is a demon, after all.

Beside, we’re talking about this lustful girl, you know? I’m pretty sure she’d keep on licking me day and night. Anytime means that there would be a time when there is someone around, since I also have Finia-chan and the other so I can’t keep on only looking after her, after all. Moreover, how should I explain it to people around us? A man who let his body got licked and a woman who got in ecstasy upon licking it, what kind of thing, is that?

But, unless I accept her request, I doubt she’d ever back off.

That means, haa... it’d be very troublesome to explain it.

“Got it... but please let the anytime off. I have my own life, after all, so I can’t keep on accompanying you anytime.”

“Eh~, no way. You must keep on looking at me only, since I really love you so that’s okay, right?”

“You sure are very self-centered, aren’t you? In a sense I respect you.”

“Ehehe~, yay.”

“I’m not praising you, don’t you even know sarcasm(皮肉)?”

“What is that? It sounds very tasty!”

Skin(皮) and meat(肉), huh, that’s indeed sounds tasty— that’s not it!

“Hmm... if you stop when I ask you to, then the rest is up to you, how about it?”

“Hmm~... okay. Then give me a kiss once a day. If you take it then we get a deal here.”

“You sure are a shameless person, aren’t you?”

Kiss, huh, come to think of it, she took away my first kiss, didn’t she? She forcefully did it, though, just remembering it makes me irritated.

But, wait, I heard there were people who passed their lifetime without ever had a kiss even once, so, perhaps I’m quite lucky here, aren’t I? But, wait, even though she’s a cutie, she’s still a monster, after all, someone akin to the source of a biohazard, you know? With the possibility that I might accidentally inhale her virus, as I thought it is a loss.

Yup... Leila-chan’s face that is looking up at me with such lustful expression sure is erotic, to the point of fascinating, nonetheless she’s a demon, and I’m a human.

Also, she has a desire to literally eat me, where I don’t want to be eaten by her, that’s the scariest part. No matter how fascinating the expression she has.

However, if this is the only means I have to survive before 『Red Night』,

“...got it, with this the negotiation is completed.”

“Ufufu.”

Fine then, just bring it on. I can’t afford to die here, so if it’s a mean on surviving then I’ll thread on it no matter what.

Even if that route is dyed in red by ‘death’, even if that route is eternally accompanied by danger.

“But, Leila-chan, if you by any chance hurt Finia-chan and the other, I won’t ever forgive you. I’ll definitely kill you by any means necessary.”

“Ahaha, how beautiful... that eyes of yours, it makes me thrilled... you sure are the best, Kitsune-kun...! I really, really, really, really love you... ehehe, come on, kiss me, kiss me.”

“No, we’ve done it once at our match today, didn’t we? Please be patient.”

“Eh~... I’m already at my limit, you know... somewhere around below my stomach feels itchy so it can’t be helped... kiss me, please? Or else, I’ll eat you, you know...”

This girl, she's the type of person who won't ever keep their promise. She thinks nothing but her own lust, she's at the point where greatly apart from like nor love.

But, since I don't want to get eaten, disregarding our kiss at this afternoon, I kiss her again. At her cheek. I never said to kiss lips to lips, if only she'd die in agony as it is then that would be a very pleasing thing for me.

"Well then, I'm going home now."

"Aahn... please wait... my body won't move... ufufu... I love you, Kitsune-kun...! You sure are the best...."

"In many way, this girl sure is creepy."

I decide to ignore Leila-chan and immediately go home. Thanks god it ended without I have to die. Seems like I'd be able to fulfill my promise with Finia-chan.

Leila-chan is still trying to stand at my rear with a flirtatious voice, but, what should I do from now on? Perhaps it'd be recorded at my track record, as an adventurer who take along an S rank demon. Perhaps 『Red Night』 is a special one, though.

"Kitsune-kun."

"Uwah...."

Just because you can't stand on your feet, you shouldn't just sit atop your flying miasma, that is unfair, you know? This girl sure is gradually increasing her unfairness.

Ah, really... it sure is hard just to keep on living...in this world.

While thinking about such a thing, I keep on walking toward the inn.



Not too long after Kitsune-san left, he staggeringly returned with a somewhat exhausted expression.

I immediately fled and approached him but Kitsune-san immediately went to the bed, while carefully not to wake Lulu-chan up, without saying any single

word and immediately went asleep as if a dead man.

I was somewhat surprised, but I was really happy that Kitsune-san safely returned. I always wanted to jump out from this room to where Kitsune-san was but, since Kitsune-san said that he'd return so I put my trust in him and waiting here.

That was why, the instant Kitsune-san returned, my body lost its strength.

However,

The moment that red eyed monster entered the room from the opened door, along with the dark miasma, my body was moving at an unbelievable speed.

I covered my whole body with my prided magical energy, and light the room. The red eyed monster was, having similarly red cheeks, eerily laughing.

“—『Fairy's sacred chant (Fairy torch) 』!!!”

Without concerning that I might wake Kitsune-san up, I shouted my magic's chant. The magical energy that gathered at my palm transformed into a little white fire. Not just one, there were several dozens of it, and then those fire clashed with the dark miasma around the monster before me, and counterbalancing each other.

White and dark light were diffusing inside the room, and the space inside the room was disordered.

“Ahaha, for a bug, you sure are amazing. Could it be, you're an idea type?!”

Bug, she called me as such. My eyes were opened wide in surprise at such surprising word.

Could it be, while thinking so I looked at her, and I could see her face through the crack between the black miasma and the white fire.

White hair, flushing face, red eyes that contained an eerie light, but there was no doubt about it. That face was, she was, Leila Vermilion. The lustful cat that was always looking at Kitsune-san with her filthy eyes! So she was 『Red Night』!

“Kitsune-kun sure is interesting! To even have the rare idea type... just how much he would excite me till he pleased... ufufu, ufufufu.”

The collision between the dark miasma and the white fire was over, the room returned into just a mere dim room. A dangerous enemy, the one that took Kitsune-san's left eye away because of my lack of power. Kitsune-san's enemy that I have to avenge no matter what.

I was sure that Kitsune-san was running away from her. And then, barely escaping from her alive till this room, he immediately went asleep. If that was the case, I had to protect him. That was the very reason I pursued after power, after all!

"But, I can't. Kitsune-kun said that I must not hurt you, after all... so I won't fight you."

"!? Kitsune-san said so....?"

"Yes, actually I called him to eat him, but... I fell in love with him. That's why, after we had discussed it, in exchange for me to don't eat him, he let me to be together with him."

Putting both of her hand at her cheeks, this monster acted as if in shame. This monster said such humanism word, but as far as I was concerned, I thought it as creepy.

Did Kitsune-san really accept this monster to live together with him as per she just said? After all, this monster was the very one that snatched away Kitsune-san's left eye, you know? But, he accepted it?

"It can't be helped if you don't believe me, but it's true. Because, I really love Kitsune-kun, after all."

"Shut up! I love Kitsune-san more!"

"Ahaha, no matter what a bug like you say, it's useless, do you know the taste of Kitsune-kun's eyeball? Do you know the taste of Kitsune-kun's blood? Do you know the pleasure from kissing Kitsune-kun? You must be don't know, right? Only I who know it! The degree of our love for Kitsune-kun are greatly different."

I didn't know what she was talking about. In exchange for knowing the taste of his eyeball, did she not aware about how bad Kitsune-san's impression toward her? Even the kiss, it was a forceful one.

She sure was insane. I was sure Kitsune-san also thought so.

“...I got it, so just go away quickly, this room is just for Kitsune-san, me and Lulu-chan, there’s no room for you!”

As a demon you should just quietly returned to the forest just as what usually demon did.

Just looking at your lustful face made me disgusted.

And then, floating a triumphant smile, unexpectedly she obediently left the room. What was up with this feeling, it was really irritating. I really wanted to hit that triumphant face of hers. Perhaps Kitsune-san also had the same feeling. I was sure of it.

Closing the door, the one remained inside the room was me, Kitsune-san, and Lulu-chan. Suddenly, I was attacked by a great tired feeling, so I unsteadily went toward the bed. Looking at Lulu-chan’s face who was lying beside Kitsune-san, I made a great exhale.

And then, I lied down next to Lulu-chan and covered my body with the sheet.

“...I don’t understand what happened at all.”

Muttering so, I closed my eyes. As a fairy, I didn’t need to sleep, but somehow I got sleepy. The sense of security of having Kitsune-san returned, and the exhaustion for chasing away 『Red Night』, I was pretty sure those were the source of my drowsiness.

Taking a deep breath, my consciousness started sinking deeply. And then, just a bit more and I’d arrive at dreamland—

And that instant,

Next to me, something happened.

“!?”

Opened my eyes wide, and the one that appeared at my field of vision was—a white light.

Chapter 40: Beast-kin's Trait

"Hmm... I see, I don't understand it at all."

Well then, after I somehow managed to settle down the case about 『Red Night』 – Leila Vermilion -, I felt like I wanted to immediately took a rest but, right now, I feel like the second wave of event have started, I don't understand it at all, but let's try to sort out what happened first.

First, I took along Leila-chan, or rather I ignored Leila-chan who followed me, and then returned to my room. Then, the instant I entered my room, the 『Near-death experience』 skill was cancelled. And because of that, I immediately felt a great drowsiness. Perhaps, my stamina was already at its limit.

And then, when I woke up this morning, without Finia-chan and Lulu-chan around, there was Leila-chan who was sleeping next to me.

Yup, that's strange.

"...wait, but perhaps it isn't that strange, right...? This girl did following me here, after all, so perhaps when I was asleep, she slipped into the bed, or something along that line..."

If I rethink about Leila-chan who is sleeping soundly next to me, it won't be strange for her to be here since she did following me here, after all.

It's just, since I asked Finia-chan to don't sleep last night, there was no why she'd allow her to enter the room. Finia-chan'd always made such threatening expression at Leila-chan even when she didn't know that she was 『Red Night』, after all, that's why when Leila-chan entered this room while still at her 『Red Night』 mode, then it shouldn't be strange for them to had a fight here, right?

That means, I'm very uneasy at the fact that Finia-chan and Lulu-chan aren't in this room. Could it be, she didn't eat them, right? She had promised, after all, right? If she really ate them then I'd really kill her at her sleep.

"Ufu, ufufu... Kitsune-kun... I luv..."

She even still lustful when asleep. How scary, why? Why must such kind of girl that gathered around me? If I meet the hero, could I ask him to exterminate

her, I wonder? ... Ah, that's it, I must believe at the possibility that she might fall for the hero instead, then I could simply pass her away at him. I'm sure he's definitely way stronger than me, after all, and since he's also an otherworlder so I'm sure he'd taste way better than me. Perhaps. Nonetheless, where are Finia-chan and Lulu-chan, I wonder?

"Ah, you have awoken, Kitsune-sama."

And, at that time, there's a girl with a long bright brown hair who enters the room. There's dog ears atop her head, and there's also a dog tail at her buttock. She looks somewhat similar like Lulu-chan, but Lulu-chan was a bit younger, she looked like a little girl of a third-year student of elementary school, after all.

The girl before me has an appearance that of a girl at her third-year middle school, after all, she's way taller than Lulu-chan. Perhaps, is she Lulu-chan's older sister, or someone along that line?

"...who are you?"

"Lulu-desu."

When I asked who the girl was, she named herself as Lulu.

Ahahaha, how funny, they even have a same name.

"Lulu-chan, have Kitsune-san awoken?"

"Ah, Finia-sama... yes, he has awoken... it's just, there's an unknown person."

"Aa!! That girl, when I took my eyes off even for just a bit!!"

After that, Finia-chan comes flying from her rear. And then, the moment she notices Leila-chan, she speed up herself, and clashes herself at Leila-chan's face head first.

"Ow... hnn... it hurts... Ah, morning, Kitsune-kun!"

"Don't cling at him."

Since it has become very complicated,

First of all, I take Finia-chan away from Leila-chan, then I get off from the bed. Putting the lying on the bed fox mask at my head, I decide to stretch my body first. And then, taking a deep breath, I stretch my neck and make a cracking

sound.

After that, I look at my surrounding again. Finia-chan is still like usual, then there a girl with appearance akin to a girl around her third-year in middle school who named herself as Lulu-chan, and lastly there's Leila-chan with white hair and red eyes who is sitting atop the bed, huh.

The one I need to ascertain first is, Lulu-chan, right?

"Did Lulu-chan always looks like this, I wonder?"

"I was also surprised! It happened suddenly last night, after all!"

What do you mean? When I ask so, Finia-chan starts telling us... what happened last night, when I was asleep.



"Wh, what is it...!?"

The moment when I was almost got asleep, suddenly there was a dazzling light spreaded. My eyes were opened wide in surprise, the one there was Lulu-chan whose body was emitting that dazzling light.

Even in my bewildered state, I still could grasp the transformation that occurred at Lulu-chan's body, then I touched Lulu-chan's body. The light felt a bit hot, but I didn't feel like it'd bring any harm to her body.

And then, Lulu-chan's body suddenly started 『growing』! In an instant, the childish appearance at her face disappeared, even I can see that bulges were appeared at the flat part of her body. I didn't know what happened, but unlike Kitsune-san who was a human, Lulu-chan was a 『Beast-kin』. Perhaps they had unique traits that were different from human.

And, the light was diminishing little by little, and when it completely disappeared, Lulu-chan's body had grown into one head short than Kitsune-san's. My eyes were opened wide in surprise, she didn't say anything, but I could see that her body was still breathing, I felt a bit relieved the moment I noticed that she was still alive.

"...nn... Finia-sama...?"

"Ah...Lu, Lulu-chan."

“Good morning....”

And then, Lulu-chan was awoken. I was lost of words in surprise, but since it wasn't something bad, so there was no need to fret over it, or so I thought. Thus, to Lulu-chan who greeted me, I said 'good morning' in reply.

The just awoken Lulu-chan noticed the transformation that occurred at her own body, and started patting her whole body in bewilderment.

“Eh... eh...? This is....”

“Umm, just now, your body was shining and suddenly grown, you see....”

“Secondary growth...?”

“Secondary, growth? What is that?”

Seemed like Lulu-chan had an idea about what happened to her body. 『Secondary growth』 that she said in her murmur, just what was that?

I inclined my neck and asked her for explanation about it, and then Lulu-chan started explaining it with a somewhat hard expression.

“Umm... us, beast-kin, are a bit different from human... there's a difference of growth between people who live as a hunter and people who live like ordinary people-desu.”

“I see.”

“People who live ordinarily are, similarly like human, they grow along the time, but... people who live as hunter, their body would rapidly grow in accordance to the increase of their level-desu.”

Come to think of it, Lulu-chan's level was increased after we subjugated the “Arachne”, right? ... Did that means, because her level increased, her body grown in accordance?

Ahaha, she sure had a short childhood period! Nonetheless, after her growth, she felt like had become somewhat a bit more mature, right? Her speech had become more affluent, after all, or rather, I felt like her childish ambiance was a bit lessened from her voice. Did that means that she also grown mentally, I wonder? Even her just got cut hair was also considerably grown, after all.

“Hee... ah, Lulu-chan, is your body still in pain?”

“Ah... umm... I’m fine-desu.”

“I see! Thanks god!”

Well, nonetheless, thanks god that it wasn’t something bad. Even for Lulu-chan, it seemed like it was a good transformation, after all, and the pain of her body also had disappeared, thanks god.

Thereupon, Lulu-chan put her legs down from the bed and stood up. The clothes that she got in her little girl time was bursting in tight. The cuff of her skirt that used to reach her knee, right now it was raised to the point just barely hid her underwear. Moreover, the bulges that grown at her chest were sticking out itself proudly. The slavery choker was transforming in accordance to its holder body so the size was just perfectly match her, but other than that were became somehow looked erotic.

“It’s a bit... tight-desu.”

“...Let’s go and ask Ayla-san for some now clothes!”

After that we went to meet Ayla-san, and after Ayla-san saw the just grown Lulu-chan, she performed a fashion show out of her till morning came.



“Then, you just returned from there, huh....”

“Yup, we got a lot of clothes, you know!”

“That means... she really is Lulu-chan, huh.”

“Yes, sorry for surprising you....”

I wasn’t that surprised. Since here’s a fantasy world so something like that might really happen, after all. Or rather, regarding Lulu-chan’s growth, it’ll eventually happen along the time, so it’s just a matter of how fast or slow that growth pace, so I don’t particularly mind it.

Well, there’s also status correction, after all, so as far as we concerned, since it’s a good thing so let’s just don’t fret over it too much.

“Well, that isn’t particularly a problem. This one is way more troublesome,

after all....”

“Hmm? Ahaha.”

I take a glance at Leila-chan. And then, noticing my glance, she cutely laughs. Seems like right now she isn't in her lustful state, her face isn't flushed and there's also no heart marks at her eyes. Seems like there's a lust switch that would get switched along the alteration between day and night. I'm really grateful of it.

Nonetheless, even when she could communicate better than at night, it doesn't necessarily mean that she wouldn't be at her lustful state. In that case, night would become a dangerous period.

“That's right! Why is this girl even here!? Kitsune-san!”

“Ah... yesterday, I met her after got called, you see... and then, I noticed that Leila-chan was actually the monster back then, and since I was almost got eaten so I told her that she could live together with me along with many other conditions so that she'd stop at trying to eat me.”

“Gunununu....!”

“Do you understand it now? I and Kitsune-kun are bound together ever since yesterday!”

“Could you please be quiet for a bit?”

If I just let her be, I don't know what she might say next.

It sure would be scary if suddenly there's a rumor that said that I and Leila-chan are dating. Dating this girl isn't a matter of sanity again, but the miasma.

Nonetheless, compared to her at night, at day she is considerably more docile, seems like she won't cling at me the whole time like how I expected her to be. If it's not Leila-chan then I'll greatly welcome it, though, but this sole girl is impossible for me. There's a possibility she might overdo it and accidentally eat me, after all.

I have to increase my resistance to the point that her attack won't become a threat for me as fast as possible... the next time, I feel like she won't be satisfied with just my right eye, after all... or rather, please return my left eye. After all,

it's inside that stomach of yours, right? Just throw out up.

“That’s why, well, since she’s going to be together with us, so please be nice to each other, right?”

“No way!”

“No~”

“Hahaha, sound like hopeless.”

Well, I also can’t imagine the scene where Finia-chan and Leila-chan are in good terms, after all, even if they’re in bad terms, as long as they assent to live together then that’s good enough.

For now, let’s think it as a good thing that we get a great increase at our war potential, huh... If she sees me as a prey then perhaps I could ask her to do some works, right?

For now, let’s permit her to just lick my arms. I still have to kiss her once a day though.

“Well then... I think it’s almost the time.”

“Time, for what?”

Ignoring the two who are quarreling, I murmur so. And Lulu-chan inclines her head.

Many things happened, but it won’t be an exaggeration to say that our preparations are already quite in order. My resistance has reached the point where it would let me survive through that forest, Rishe-chan also has become able to fight, it’s outside my expectation, but Lulu-chan also has grown, Finia-chan is goes without saying, I think, and then we also have Leila-chan, the S rank demon. War potentials-wise, I’m pretty confident to call ourselves as the strongest party.

So, there’s already no reason for us to stay at this country, right? I think it’s almost the time we need to go there, to the Grandile Kingdom. To meet the person who was summoned from another world, the 『Hero』.

To be honest, at this country there are Mia-chan, Ayla-san and many other person who I’m indebted to, but I can’t just let 『Red Night』to do as it pleased,

it's too dangerous, after all.

"Yup, I think it's almost the time we need to leave this country."

"!"

At my word, Lulu-chan opens her eyes wide. I pat Lulu-chan's head whose face is filled by surprise. In doing so, perhaps this part is still the same as usual, she rubs her head with such happy expression as usual. Unintentionally, I let out a bitter smile.

Then, I pinch Finia-chan at the nape of her neck and put her at my shoulder, and knock Leila-chan at her forehead. The red eyed girl is laughing while laying around atop her floating miasma. It seems very convenient, right?

"Anyway, today we're going to make our preparation to take a journey toward Grandile Kingdom, and we're going to departure tomorrow morning."

"Eh~, that country is boring, though."

"Seems like not too long ago they had summoned a hero, so I think it has become a bit more interesting, you know?"

And if he's into your liking then I'll push you away to him, after all.

When I think so, Leila-chan floats a smile that contains a bit of anticipation. Is it okay to take along a girl with such appearance around the town? To be honest, her appearance is completely that one of a demon, though.

Finia-chan's true nature has been exposed, Lulu-chan was actually indeed a slave, it's good since it seems like everyone hasn't noticed that Leila-chan is actually a demon, but if she goes outside as it is, I'm pretty sure she'd immediately get exposed, right?

Considering that, I'm pondering about it a bit.

"It can't be helped, Lulu-chan... for now, could you please wake Rishe-chan up?"

However, I haven't got any decent plan. It would be good if Leila-chan would revert her appearance back into that one of a girl with black hair and black eyes, but, I don't know what she might demand from me in exchange.

Since it's inevitably that we still need to go outside, so I ask the just grown Lulu-chan to do so.

Chapter 41: Guarding Request and Receptionist

Well, after that, along with Rishe-chan, we discussed a bit more about our plan to leave Miniera, and after I got all of their consent about this matter, we finally started our action for today.

Seems like we can't use Leila-chan as our guide to Grandile Kingdom since her sense of direction is still as amazing as usual. Therefore I hereby grant her the title of 'useless'. Even though she decide to follow us, but to be unable to over any aid, how pathetic of her.

Perhaps Rishe-chan hasn't ever seen any demon, so even if seeing Leila-chan with white hair and red eyes is perhaps still acceptable, but she only looks somewhat curious without saying a word when she sees the dark miasma that is floating around Leila-chan's. Perhaps she doesn't notice it, or perhaps she notices it but she simply puts her trust at me.

But, well, leaving that aside, since having Leila-chan goes outside along with that miasma would be troublesome, so I ask her to retract it back, and then I lend her my gakuran in exchange. At day she's still somewhat rational, and seems like she's capable to do it.

Nonetheless, since she's way closer into that one of a stalker rather than a comrade, so I won't treat her similarly like how I treat Finia-chan and the other, but I'll simply take her as an useful person. After all, even if she's a demon, at least she's still a C rank adventurer. So I have to properly use her established reputation for my sake.

Eh? Cruel? What's so bad about it knowing that she's someone who is after my life? No no, I might indeed look like someone who is manipulating her good favor and using her as my financial support, but that's conditional, you know? If you're at my position, I'm sure you'll understand it.

"sniff... Kitsune-kun's smell... ufufu, ufufufu... it's the best...."

"...."

Someone like that is keep on following me, you know? If I do it carelessly, I

might end up having her always following me from now on, you know? Someone without any good will, and would get excited and laughing just by sniffing my smell, you know? Just imagine it, that you have someone like her as your coworker or classmate, someone who is noisy and also annoying.

“Kitsune-san... are you really going to take that girl along?”

“Please bear with it, Finia-chan... trust me, I also don’t like it.”

“Ufufu, ufufufufu.....”

Even Rishe-chan and Lulu-chan are drawn aback from that C rank adventurer, Leila Vermilion. Are every strong person also like her, I wonder.... If that’s really the case then perhaps even the hero also might has such screwed personality, right?

Like, using his title as hero to makes a harem, or using his strength to do anything as he pleased. Uwah, just thinking about it makes me lost my motivation to meet him.

Well, while thinking about such a thing, we walk toward the guild.

To go to Grandile Kingdom, the only means we can take is to take a “guarding request”. Since that request could only be taken by an E rank adventurer or above, I was intending to have Finia-chan and the other to raised their rank till the required rank, but since right now we accidentally have a C rank adventurer so we can immediately take the request.

“Guarding request” was a request that was usually be issued when there was someone who was going to travel from a country into another one, usually been issued by a merchant, but sometime there was also the case when citizen issued such request, too. In exchange for guarding them along the way, they would let the adventurers to ride their cart during travelling.

Well, the reward is vary, but, in exchange for us guarding them, we don’t need to pay the transport fee, that was the source of the establishment of guarding request.

“Say, Kitsune, are we really going to go to Grandile Kingdom? To be frank, I don’t think it won’t be take too long for us increase our strength a bit more before going there, you know?”

“Well, I understand your worry knowing that that place is a country of battle junkies, but... we aren’t going there to fight, you know? As a country, it would be strange if there’s no proper person who dislike fight, after all, so we’re aiming for those people.”

Rishe-chan makes a somewhat uneasy expression, but it isn’t like fight would continuously happen day and night, right? Not to mention, I’m pretty sure that there are also merchant and normal citizen, after all.

In any case, even if you’re an adventurer, as long as you’re able to properly avoid any fight then you should be able to live peacefully. Well, if you’re unluckily got involved with the hero then perhaps it’s bound to happen that you’d have to have a fight, though.

Well, just in case, we have Finia-chan, after all, also, I don’t like it but there’s also Leila-chan. So we shouldn’t be that easily die, right? Even I, as long as it isn’t an instant death, by activating “Near-death experience” I won’t easily die, after all.

“Hmm... if that’s the case then it’s fine, though....”

“You don’t need to worry about it too much, also, we can still get stronger along the way there, you know?”

“...got it.”

It might be a bit too forceful, but it isn’t like I don’t understand her worry. It might looks a bit too rushed, but as far as I’m concerned, I want to meet the hero while he’s still at the Grandile Kingdom. If he has left on journey to defeat the demon lord, then I don’t have any means to find him, after all.

And, while having such conversation, we finally arrived at the guild. Opening the door, we enter the building, and the adventurer’s gazes are gathered at us.

And then, upon seeing my face, everyone averted their faces again. There are people who restart their conversation again, looking for a request, or continue their meal. But there’s one common thing among them, they look at our direction again with a surprised expression.

Perhaps, the reason is the white haired and red eyed Leila-chan who wears my gakuran, and the just grown Lulu-chan, right? Their transformation are too

eye catching, after all.

“Her hair is white, but... is that, Leila Vermilion?”

“Why does she wear Kitsune’s clothes?”

“That beast-kin girl, did she has reached her secondary growth... how lovely!”

“You’re right, she becomes such a pretty girl, wahaha!”

The adventurers become noisy. Their reaction for Leila-chan and Lulu-chan sure are quite extreme. They bear doubt and bewilderment toward Leila-chan, while they give blessing and laugh toward Lulu-chan.

Even so, is beast-kin’s growth a common sense here? Since these adventurers are laughing happily toward her growth, after all.

Hearing that, Lulu-chan’s face is a bit blushed, but when I gently pat her head, she bashfully act as if in shy. Yup, cute.

“Kitsune-san! Here is a guarding request toward Grandile Kingdom!”

“Yes, thank you, Finia-chan.”

And then, Finia-chan comes while bringing along a request she took beforehand. When I ask her to read it, it’s a request from a merchant who is planning to go to Grandile Kingdom.

The recruited adventurers are eight people, with us, then there would be three more persons, right? I think it’s a good request so I take it to Mia-chan’s place.

“Mia-chan, please let us take it.”

“Yes... wait, you’re going to go to Grandile kingdom?”

“Yes.”

“Umm... but... are you sure? It is a country with the law of the jungle, you know?”

“Even so, I have my own reason that makes me have to go there, after all.”

Seems like Mia-chan is also worried similarly like Rishe-chan. At our first meeting, she called me as a pervert, but she sure has considerably changed. As

far as I'm concerned, it isn't like I've given up on groping that boobs of her—yup, not in the slightest.

“You're staring at my chest too much.”

“I'm not looking at your chest, but your boobs.”

“That's same, pervert-sama.”

Oops, seems like I stared at it too much. Mia-chan hides her boobs with both of her hands. Well, even so, the scene where her boobs changes its shape looks erotic, though.

If I do anything further, I don't know what Finia-chan and Leila-chan might do so let's stop it here.

“Ufufufufu.....”

She laughs with a low tone, after all, she's still smiling while sniffing my gakuran, though. Even Mia-chan is taken aback, I really don't want to be considered as her comrade... I want to act as if a stranger of her.

“...why is Leila-sama's hair changed into white?”

“She suddenly grown old overnight, you see.”

“Why are her eyes red?”

“It's because of lack of sleep, you see.”

“Why is she wearing your clothes?”

“Even I want her to return it soon, you know.”

Mia-chan is looking at Leila-chan with a somewhat astonished eyes. And then, looking at me, perhaps she doesn't consent with my explanation, she lets out a sigh. Mia-chan is intelligent, after all, I'm sure she understand the reason why I didn't want to explain it.

But, even she acts like a pervert, she's still a C rank adventurer, her ability is not something to be laughed at. Perhaps that's why Mia-chan quickly finished the request procedure, and after put a sign at it, she hand over the request application to me.

“Please give it to the guild at Grandile kingdom, with that you'll complete the

request. Also, since you won't receive your reward if you forget to ask for the merchant-sama who issued this request to sign this request application, so please be careful."

"Yes, thank you."

"The departure is tomorrow morning. Since the gathering location is at Miniera's gate, I think would be better if you go there as early as possible and deepen your connection with the other adventurers first."

Ah, there are also three other people, right? That's indeed right. Teamwork is important, after all. Well, it sure would be troublesome if they're people with utterly high pride, but when the time comes to it, I'd simply activate my "Eerie Constitution". Such people won't understand it unless they experience painful experience first, after all.

"Well then, Mia-chan, for taking care of me up until now, thank you very much."

I say so to Mia-chan, and float a faint smile.

Honestly speaking, I'm pretty indebted toward her, after all, so I have to properly give her my gratitude.

In doing so, Mia-chan floats a somewhat surprised expression, and blanking for a while before replying at me.

"Eh? Ah... yes, for me, it was also a fun time, the guild when you were around. Please be— have a nice trip."

She says the usual word when she sends me out, but this time, I feel a somewhat deeper meaning in it.



Today, I felt like the sight was slightly different.

It was only been several years ever since I started working as a receptionist in this guild. Day by day, I'd used to smile to every adventurers-sama whenever they took a request, processed the procedure and finally sent them off. I never thought such daily as a boring life. The salary was also considerably good, my coworkers and juniors were also all good people.

However, even amidst such daily life, as expected there was something I couldn't get used to.

Adventurer was, a job that put their lives on the line to fought against magical beast, therefore, the amount of adventurers who accepted a request but got killed in the process and didn't returned wasn't small.

Among them, the time when the adventurers who accepted the request through me were dead, as expected it felt a bit hard for me. It was hard to accept the fact that the people who still alive and had a chat with me just a few days ago were suddenly died. There were also receptionists who resigned when they experienced such feeling, after all.

That was why, the moment Kitsune-sama started to work as an adventurer at this guild, I thought that there was no adventurer who could put me at relief as he did.

Because he was an H rank, he couldn't take any dangerous request. I thought that with that he wouldn't suddenly die. He even didn't have any intention to raise his rank, I had a great relive knowing that he didn't have any attachment toward status.

However, someday, Kitsune-sama suddenly decided to take a subjugation request. Because Finia-sama had become an F rank adventurer. Their targets were nothing but small fries, but, since there was also the case about "Red Night", so the sense of anxiety that I never felt about him before was painting over my sense of security about him.

Because I was a receptionist, I had to propose a rank up trial to him. Because I had an obligation to propose it to any adventurers who I deemed their ability were above their current rank, after all. And when I proposed it while hoping that he'd refuse it, he casually refused it.

Just a bit, my sense of security was returned.

However, around a week after he first defeated those small fries, he went on subjugating an E rank magical beast, "Arachne". At that time, from the bottom of my heart, I felt that I didn't want him to go. Or, he could go, but please don't die, or so I thought.

I never thought such a thing even once to any adventurers who came and talked to me. If they died then I'd only think that it couldn't be helped, because I'd always sent them off with a half resignation, after all.

Perhaps, that was why, I came to an awareness that Kitsune-sama was someone who was a bit special for me.

That day, while doing my work, I kept on praying for Kitsune-sama's safety. Perhaps I looked absent-minded, so some adventurers came and calling out to me with a somewhat worried expression, but I didn't remember how I answered them in return.

And then, the moment I saw Kitsune-sama returned safely while floating his usual faint smile, I felt a great relief at my heart. I was somewhat surprised that the C rank adventurer, Leila Vermilion, was together with him, so I tried to act as usual to hide my surprise, but I was really happy that Kitsune-sama returned safely.

And then, that day, while sending off Kitsune-sama went home, I understood it. Perhaps, for me, he was someone akin to a little brother. I thought him as a little brother who tended to cause worry to me.

Compared to any other adventurers, his body was small, baby-faced, and having such childish personality, perhaps that was why I thought him as such. At least, I was sure that it wasn't a romantic feeling.

That was why, at the next day when Kitsune-sama accepted a guarding request to left this country, I couldn't completely accept that reality. No, perhaps pretending to didn't notice it would be more precise.

Looking at his usual faint smile, I exchanged a conversation with him as I usually did. Rather than the fact that Leila-sama hair was changed into white and her eyes into red, I felt a bit more irritated upon looking her wearing Kitsune-sama's clothes delightfully.

It felt like the little brother I cherished suddenly brought back a girlfriend.

And then, when I finished the request acceptance procedure and sending him off, he said such.

"Well then, Mia-chan, for taking care of me up until now, thank you very

much.”

At that word, I finally realized it. The fact that Kitsune-sama would disappear from my daily life. I spontaneously got dumbfounded, for a moment my head went blank.

However,

I was a receptionist, sending off adventurer was my job. It was still the same even if it was Kitsune-sama whom I was arbitrarily thought as my little brother. Even if his destination was the survival of the fittest country, Grandile kingdom, I couldn't stop him.

Thinking so, I swallowed that thought down again. And then, I was somehow able to squeeze out some words.

Please, please don't die, please stay safe, while wishing so.

“...yes, for me, it was also a fun time, the guild when you were around. Please be— have a nice trip.”

The usual sending off word. But, I felt like today's 'have a nice trip' was filled with a feeling that it never had before.

Have a nice trip, I prayed for his safety so that he could return here again.

At that time, I felt like I sent him off while floating a genuine smile at my face.

Chapter 42: First Step to Reach For A Clue

“Well then, let’s go, to Grandile Kingdom.”

After accepting the request, we arranged our preparation for this journey according to Rishe-chan and Leila-chan’s knowledge. The general knowledge about survival and sleeping outdoor were could be learned by reading books or practical experience so I somewhat understood it, or rather, that day I and Lulu-chan raised our levels by fighting against small fries at the outside of the country, and after that I calmed down the lustful Leila-chan who assaulted me at night, that part took the most of my stamina today rather than the preparation itself.

Seems like the just grown Lulu-chan has mentally grown more than her appearance, when she was still at her little girl state, she could already handle the short sword quite refinedly, but it has increased beyond recognition. I still can see her uneasiness at her movement, but with just having her able to fight is considerably as a good result already.

And right now our statuses are something like these.

◇Status◇

Name : Naginata Kitsune

Gender : Male Lv. 16 (↑ UP 6)

Strength : 40

Stamina : 380

Resistance : 550

Agility : 410

Magic Power : 200

Title :『Other wordler』『The one who fascinates demon』

Skill : 『Pain Nullification Lv.2』『Intuition Lv.2(NEW)』 『Eerie Constitution』
『Other World Language』 『Status Appraisal』 『Persistence』 『Overpower』
『Other wordler』 『Near Death Experience』

Innate skill : ???

PT Member : Finia (Fairy), Lulu (Beast-kin), Trisha (Human), Leila (Demon)



◇Status◇

Name : Lulu Soleil

Gender : Female Lv. 13 (↑ UP 5)

Strength : 650

Stamina : 500

Resistance : 100:STOP!

Agility : 510

Magic Power : 230

Title :『Slave』

Skill :『Short Sword-Arts Lv.3 (↑ UP 2)』

Innate skill : ???

PT Member : Naginata Kitsune, Finia (Fairy), Trisha (Human), Leila (Demon)



As usual, my resistance increased the most, and aside from my agility all my status didn't increased that much. It could be said as an extreme state, but specializing in defense isn't a bad thing.

On the contrary, after experiencing her secondary growth, her statuses considerably increased. In the first place, since her body has grown, even without any change at her level, her statuses would still greatly increased, so combined with level up, it increased even further.

Perhaps since her skill on wielding the short sword has gone better, so the skill has increased to level 3. I think, she already has such degree of ability thus far, it was just she was unable to move her body.

Also, I got a new discovery that seems like I can see other people's status limit values. Since there's a 'STOP!' word beside Lulu-chan's resistance value, so I'm

sure her resistance limit is 100, right? This part is my win, Leila-chan's is around 800 so I'd be able to surpass it soon enough. When it surpass 1000, my resistance would become top class, right? Even for S rank adventurers, their resistance limit are around 500, after all.

Leaving that aside, we are currently gathering inside the merchant's wagon to leave Miniera. When I turn around, I can see Miniera that has been taking care of us thus far. I feel a bit lonely because of it.

And then, Finia-chan puts her hand at my cheek, and float a sunflower-like smile.

"Yes, I understand it."

That's right, as long as we're alive, we can return here anytime. Right now we have to solely focus on keep advancing forward, right?

And then, when I peek to inside the wagon, Rishe-chan and Lulu-chan are looking at me with gentle eyes, and Leila-chan is smiling and looking at me with eyes that are floating heart marks. She's in heat.

"Let's go, Kitsune-san."

"Yes, yes."

I get on the wagon. Other than my party members, there are also three other adventurers. Seems like they're in a same party. Two women and one man, at a glance, the man is bit older than me, where the women are fall in love with him, or so how I take it.

The women are linking arm with him at his respective arms, where their gazes are seemingly keeping each other in check. And then, my and that man's gazes meet.

"..."

"..."

A gaze that is appraising me. It's a bit annoying, but since it isn't something I need to concern myself with, so I cut my gaze away from him. Leila-chan's gaze is honestly more annoying, after all, I'm already get used to a gaze of such level at my former world.

While thinking so, I sit next to Lulu-chan.

“Not even a greeting, huh, as expected from an H rank, right? Oi.”

Then, perhaps he feels dissatisfied that I cut my gaze away, so the man is calling out to me, I feel like even the quarreling women are also glaring at me. Even if these women look like someone you could find anywhere, I’m sure as adventurers, their ability are at least E rank, right? How scary.

“Ah, sorry, it’s just I didn’t think that you were someone I need to greet, so.”

But that has nothing to do with me. If you have no intention to become a coward who would cower before any annoying gaze, then there’s no need to be scared of any gazes at this level.

“Hoo, your lip-service sure is amazing, right? For a mere small fry.”

“Ahaha, please don’t act strong like that, it only makes you look weak, you know?”

“Tch... even though this great me has kindly taught you about mannerism toward your senior, you sure are cheeky, aren’t you?”

“A really strong person won’t teach a mannerism toward a weakling, you know? A really strong person is, could be understood the difference in status just by their behavior, you know?”

Right, like Liela-chan who once snatched away my left eye, like that uncle whom I could understand the difference between our strength just by facing against him, so a person like him who is rejoicing by looking down to any person with lower rank than him is, not something considerable.

That means,

“From the fact that you take a quarrel with me, I can see your base, you know?”

This man isn’t anything comparable to them.

“...the hell is that, how foolish. Just stop it already, Jill, a weakling is could only bark but no bite, right?”

“Yup, yup, there’s no need to mind about such person.”

Thereupon, both women who sit next to the man say so. I don't know their names, but seems like the man's name is Jill. It isn't like I want to know their name of anything, so I don't peek their statuses. The man J and the women A, B, are good enough. I have no interest in them, after all.

It's just, seems like the man is quite a womanizer, leaving the women next to him waiting, seems like he's more interested at Leila-chan. A white haired and red eyed cutie who wears a short black dress, and since she's laying down so I'm sure her white long and glamorous legs that stretched out from her cuff would surely entice any eyes, right? Her boobs are also considerably big, after all. Moreover, she's at such lustful state, so of course I understand why he wants to assault her.

I'm fine with it, you know? Even if you assault her. If she suits you then you can even take her for you, you know?

Next morning, it would be good if his body was still remained, though....

"Well, fine, we're going to be together till Grandile kingdom, after all... let's get along well."

"I agree with that, at least on the surface, let's get along well."

He says so while keep on looking at Leila-chan's thighs as if licking it.

He's fully intending to eat her, huh. While thinking so, I answer so while floating my usual faint smile.

Well then, it's departure time.



This time, our client is, I don't know what kind of fate it is, but seems like it's a company named "Dark forest company", that slave merchant.

Which one do you mean by 'that'? Perhaps there'd be someone who think so, so let me explain it, it's the merchant who sold Lulu-chan and also asked me to sell Finia-chan.

The moment he saw me, he floated a somewhat frightened face, but when I greeted him and said 'please take care of us', he hurriedly answered with 'please take care of us, too'. Seems like my "Eerie constitution" at that time had

carved a bit trauma upon his soul.

Nonetheless, the wagon that we ride is keep on advancing toward Grandile kingdom.

“Well, we’re more experienced at guarding request, so I’ll have you abide my instruction... there’s none of us who want to die, after all, right?”

“Well, that sure is right. Fine, I’ll abide you since you have a slight superiority at this field.”

Inside the advancing wagon, the man tells us to abide him with a serious expression, completely different from the first time we met. As expected, even if he’s rotten, he’s still an adventurer with higher rank than me, seems like he would completely changes when life is put on the line. Looking at that part of him, I feel like I don’t mind on abiding him, the so called experienced person.

“Experience-wise we’re better, but number-wise you’re better. Of course, ability-wise I don’t feel like losing, but having an equal member would be better, right?”

“I see, that means, we have to put one of our party member on your side, right?”

“You sure understand it fast, but... since you’re the leader so you’re a no go, a team without its head tends to scatters away, after all... and, it would be better if it’s someone with ability that could keep up with ours.”

Ah, he sure is hopeless. The hell with experienced person. With such long preface, all he wants is to pull Leila-chan into his side, right? Since the well known C rank adventurer, Leila-chan, would perfectly match that requirement, after all.

Moreover, when I look more closely at him, he’s taking a peek at the laying down Leila-chan from time to time. That serious expression, I’m sure he has practiced it for long, right? What a touching effort with the sole purpose to gather girls around him.

“Then, Leila-chan, go there.”

“Eh~”

The man quietly makes a triumphant pose, I see it, I see it, you know?

Nonetheless, if you really like her that much then please take her away from me, already. If possible, please make her fall for you, if you're able to do it then she'll turn from my stalker into yours, if you do that, then, you know, everyone would be happy.

"Don't want to, I want to be together with Kitsune-kun."

"I want to stay away from you, though."

"Now now, don't be shy like that."

"Your head has gone worse, isn't it?"

Seems like Leila-chan is also at her best form today. Considering just how self-centered she is, I don't know why but somehow that's the conclusion I get.

"Now just go there already! Since Kitsune-san has me with him already, after all."

"Ahaha, no matter what a bug says, I don't hear anything."

"Leila-chan, I told you to don't call her as bug, didn't I?"

"But, if I call her bug then Kitsune-kun will come and tried to kill me, right?... that would be the best...."

I'm enough with this girl already... thinking so, I send a glance at Rishe-chan, and then, letting out a sigh, she sends a gaze toward Leila-chan.

"Leila, I don't think I have the right to say it, but... since you're together with us, I think it would be better to be a bit more cooperative, you know? How about starts with abiding Kitsune's word?"

"Ufufufu... I have no intention to abiding your word, but, fine, I'll go there. Because I love Kitsune-kun so much, after all!"

I don't think it is because Rishe-chan is the one who said it, but Leila-chan somehow consent with it with a somewhat satisfied expression. Seems like she simply wants to get my attention, huh. What a nuisance.

Or rather, does she take a liking into it, I wonder, the 'Because I love Kitsune-kun so much, after all' phrase. She always says it every crucial moments, so

perhaps she really takes a liking into it, right?

Nonetheless, since Leila-chan goes to his side, the man's mood is sky rocketed. He immediately says 'best regard' while pulling out his hand to her, but Leila-chan only says 'best regard~' without taking his hand.

His smile is a bit cramped at her reaction, but seems like he's still able to properly maintain his good upfront. This man sure will have a hard time, right? There's also the worst possibility that she might eat your presented hand, you know?

"Ah, umm... what's it, ah right, with this our number has been equaled... we'll guard the front, and you take a vigilance at the rear. We'd need around three days to reach Grandile kingdom, so we'll exchange our place at times. You haven't had such experience, right?"

"Okay, I'm good with it."

"Well then, let's move immediately. Go to your respective post."

"Ah wait, let me give you an advice first."

Since the plan has been decided, the man immediately takes his weapon and stands to go to his post with both of his women following in kind.

However, there's one thing I need to tell him first. Similarly like how he acted as a senior at this guarding request, so I also have to give him an advice as a senior at this field.

"Please be careful with Leila-chan, especially... at 'night'."

"Ha? What do you mean?"

"Well, anyway, at night be careful with anything red, kay? At the worst case, there's a possibility of dying, after all."

Looking at the man who inclines his head, I also take my equipment and stand up. Rishe-chan and Lulu-chan are also following in kinds, and start moving.

I have no reason to tell him everything, I have no obligation to do so, and I don't feel like I want to do it either.

My advice just now was just something akin to a thanks since he properly did

his duty as a senior at guarding request.

If possible, please don't die, and take Leila-chan away from me. The chance is very slim, but I'm counting on you. Do your best.

Finishing our conversation, we start progressing toward Grandile kingdom.

—however, I never expected it.

That my choice to go to Grandile kingdom is, for me, will give me “A painful despair worse than death itself”.